

New Hampshire Chapter report for 2022

The New Hampshire Chapter began the year with 31 members (15 Plus, 16 regular) and ended the year with 32 members (17 Plus, 15 regular.) During the year two members did not renew while one passed away just before Christmas; three new members joined and one former member moved back from Utah. Two regular members renewed as Plus and one Plus member renewed as regular. There were no chapter activities this past year.

For the first time since 2009 many fire towers operated by the State were open to the public on weekends but not all due to hiring issues. Hopefully the towers will continue to be staffed on weekends.

74 fires burned 205.4 acres during the year not including fires on the White Mountain National Forest; all were human caused except for five lightning fires which burned 1.3 acres. These statistics would have been far more favorable if not for the three fires in the Bemis complex in Crawford Notch which burned 106 acres. The State sent six firefighters to Montana in September as part of an interagency fire crew as well as individual resources to other areas while the White Mountain National Forest Type 6 engine did several tours of duty on the Shasta Trinity National Forest in California.

Early in the year Valley Crane Company erected a Davana refurbished Aermotor tower in Hooksett, NH behind the Bass Pro Shop off Route 3A. The tower is not open to the public and is in a fenced area with the first flight of stairs not installed. Davana has not responded to an inquiry as to location from which this tower was removed.

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