

# New Mexico Chapter Report 2012

**Membership:** 11

**Carry Forward from 2012:** \$162.88

## **Lookout related information:**

-New Mexico Chapter Director Mark Gutzman, Assistant Forest Archaeologist, Lincoln National Forest, attended the 2012 Western Conference in preparation for hosting the event in 2013. Kudos to Rod and Vicki Fosback for an outstanding conference. Hope we can do as well.

-Established a Lincoln National Forest (LNF) Lookouts web presence at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/lincoln/learning/history-culture/?cid=stelprdb5392873> to provide information about the lookouts of the LNF; and a place to go for up to date information on the 2013 FFLA Western Conference.

-The Carrisa Lookout was nominated to the NHLR and approved. Carrisa Lookout – US #940, NM#29. The Carrisa Lookout Complex (tower with 7 X 7 cab, observer's cabin, and shed) was restored this year and is in the process of becoming a property in the Forest Service's rental program.

-In addition to Carrisa, the Wofford Lookout Complex has had its Observer's Cabin and Shed restored and ready for inclusion in the rental program. We are currently working on restoring the 7 X 7 cab, with the window frames as our first concern.

-We have nominated the Bluewater Lookout Complex (which is in dire need of restoration) as a possibility for HistriCorps' nationwide project to commemorate the anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act.

-Acquired National Register of Historic Places plaques for our six lookouts on that register.

## **Goals for 2013:**

-Complete NHLR nominations for the remaining six Lincoln National Forest lookouts.

-It was only natural for me to concentrate on the Lincoln National Forest since I became the New Mexico Director last year. However, there are many more lookouts in New Mexico. Thus, one of my goals is to reach out to other parts of the State and see if I can generate any interest in others becoming members and possibly Regional Directors.

-To host an outstanding conference the 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> of September.

Mark Gutzman  
Assistant Forest Archaeologist, Lincoln National Forest  
New Mexico Director, Forest Fire Lookout Association