

New Mexico FFLA Chapter Report 2016

January 9, 2017

Membership: 13

Carry forward: \$ 438.61

2016:

- The first project completed in 2016 was the creation of a new exhibit at the National Solar Observatory's (Sunspot, NM), visitor center. I created a mock lookout (one seven foot wall) utilizing a panorama from the Monjeau lookout. Also installed for teaching purposes was a Kresek Fire Finder Alidade.
- March 20th the Picuris Lookout was added to the register as US 1121, NM 38.
- For "Preservation 50," a celebration commemorating 50 years of the National Historic Preservation Act, Mike Bremer, Forest Archaeologist for the Santa Fe National Forest, created a video about the restoration and preservation of the Glorieta Lookout.
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r3/workingtogether/?cid=FSEPRD528008>
- The Lincoln National Forest has a number of National Register listed lookouts that have been prepared of the last few years to become Cabin Rental properties. 2016 saw Dark Canyon lookout on the Guadalupe Ranger District become the first approved rental, and may be available summer 2017.

Goals for 2017:

- Add more current and former lookouts to the FFLA registries.
- Assist as I can, with any New Mexico lookout restoration or preservation project.
- The Lincoln National Forest has nine standing lookouts. Six are currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The remaining three have recently become eligible for listing. I have been in contact with the Keeper of the National Register, and they are ready to receive the remaining three as additions to the 1989 thematic listing "Lookouts in the Southwestern Region." I will be working on these nominations as well.

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Sunspot Visitor Center Lookout Exhibit during construction and when finished.



Dark Canyon lookout, cabin and shed.