

FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION
State Historic Preservation Office – Liaison



2019 Year-End Report

CURRENT OFFICER:

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PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. Mount Washburn LO (Yellowstone NP) #576 - Work is almost complete on the addition of an external communications equipment apparatus. With the majority of communications and electronics equipment removed, the rehabilitation work can proceed in 2020. FFLA will also be working with the park staff to develop new interpretive panels inside the lookout observation deck.
Project Status: ONGOING



2. Leviathan Peak LO (Humboldt-Toiyabe NF) #282 – Working through the H-T to determine if there is another adaptive use for this lookout otherwise the state of California has proposed to remove it in order to make way for more communications equipment. FFLA was official added to the environmental planning process emails.

https://www.fs.usda.gov/nfs/11558/www/nepa/86485_FSPLT2_128805.pdf

Project Status: PENDING



3. Wisconsin Lookouts – Coordinate with Wisconsin SHPO to determine if there is some mechanism to slow down or prevent the sale of all the state managed lookouts. As many are located on leased private land parcels, the state is actively trying to divest themselves of all lookouts. A local chapter member obtained data and information on several of the remaining lookouts and submitted it to the SHPO. They made a tentative decision that several of the lookouts were historic but that any further action would need to be taken by the state DNR. That agency however thus far has shown no interest in carrying that effort forward.

Project Status: ONGOING

4. Coordination – During SHPO coordination emails any information on projects I receive, is forwarded onto the appropriate chapter director so that they are aware of the project and everyone is informed.

OBJECTIVES FOR 2020:

- Continue bi-annual coordination with SHPO staff at the top 20 offices.
- Send out status update email to 40 SHPOs.

Respectfully submitted,
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