# Wyoming Colorado/Utah Chapter Annual Report 2017

### Membership:

41- CO/UT 15-WY

> Financial Balance: CO/UT \$1,734.04 WY \$400.03

The Colorado/Utah Chapter lost a great member and friend in 2017. **Susan Epstein** was a huge asset to this chapter and the FFLA nationally. Thank you Susan for all you did for this group and for being so fun to work with, you are missed.

## Primary Goals for 2018

- 1. Increase chapter membership through Facebook.
- 2. Plan day trips to towers for fun or work to engage more with this chapter
- 3. Find a dedicated WY director or partner with a WY resident for better chapter engagement.

#### Colorado:

#### **Squaw Mountain**

Remains busy with rentals. The heavy use at the tower has reduced vandalism and lead to an overall cleaner area. Huge success story! Rent Squaw Fire Lookout

#### Hahns Peak Lookout

Hahns Peak saw completion of a \$73,427 renovation grant awarded to Historic Routt County, work done by Historicorps. The tower will serve as an interpretive site for day hikes.

## **Devils Head Lookout**

Tower reworked in 2013-2014. Staffed full time by Bill & Margret Ellis. The rangers cabin received a new roof in 2015. Excellent condition. Devil's Head Preservation

#### Fairview Peak

Fairview was removed from the 'high risk' list in 2015 thanks to Uncompandere & Gunnison NF, Gunnison Ranger District Justin Lawrence and team.

# Good shape and working:

Zenobia, Round Top, Deadman, Shadow Mountain, Devil's Head, Benchmark, Jersey Jim, Eight Mile Mesa, Park Point, Whites Mesa and Chapin Mesa Lookout are all in excellent to fairly good condition and staffed either full time or on a as needed basis.

## High Risk and vulnerable:

Leon Peak, and Archuleta Mesa Lookout are in bad shape and just standing. A recovery plan is needed for these Lookouts. No change for 2017.

## **Wyoming:**

Medicine Bow Sub-Chapter Report

During the summer of 2017 considerable repair work was accomplished on both the Kennaday Peak Lookout and Blackhall Mountain Lookout. This work was accomplished by HistoriCorps with support from the Brush Creek - Hayden District of the Medicine Bow National Forest. District Ranger Melonie Fulman has been very supportive of this work which began in 2014. Our goal is for these lookouts to be made available for public rental. They are closer, but so far, if they are rent ready, they have not been listed. Anyone who may be interested in working on these during the summer of 2018 may contact Pat Lynch: <a href="mailto:pat@westernheritage.com">pat@westernheritage.com</a> or Liz Rice at: <a href="mailto:lrice@historicorps.org">lrice@historicorps.org</a>

#### Utah:

**Ute Mountain** Lookout, Ashley National Forest is seasonally staffed for fire detection and used as an interpretive site. It is in great shape after a 2 year restoration was completed in 2015.

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