

WYOMING CHAPTER REPORT 2012

This year has been a year of transition for the Wyoming FFLA. We now have two chapters. The old Wyoming state chapter is now the Medicine Bow chapter With Pat Lynch as Director. And we now have the newly formed Big Horn chapter with Buddy Washington as Director. Medicine Bow is serving the southern half of our state and Big Horn is serving the northern half of our state. Hopefully we can expand our presence in the state, recruit more members, and get more work projects going in the coming year. Also Pat Lynch, long time Wyoming State Director, has passed on the job of serving as State Director to Buddy Washington. Pat has done a fantastic job as State Director for many years. We owe Pat our heartfelt thanks for all the work he has done and will continue doing as Medicine Bow chapter Director. Over the past several months, the Big Horn chapter has been meeting with representatives of Tongue Ranger District and Powder River Ranger District. We are trying to work out a program to do repair work on the only remaining three lookout towers left in the Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming. We hope to place all three towers back in service staffed by volunteers. We have received enthusiastic support from both Ranger Districts. We are now in the process of making a short list of projects for the chapter to start this spring. Our main focus will be on High Park Lookout tower. We will accomplish cleaning and minor repairs on High Park Lookout in spring 2013. Then during part of the fire season we will have volunteers from the FFLA staff High Park Lookout. If we reach our goal over the summer then we can begin work on repairing and getting the other two lookouts, Black Mountain and Sheep Mountain, back in service in the future.

Respectfully submitted:

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