



ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The San Diego-Riverside chapter continued to operate two restored lookout towers on Palomar Mountain in 2024. High Point Lookout (Register#735) is owned by the Cleveland National Forest, and Boucher Hill Lookout (Register #394) is owned by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation. The chapter deployed approximately 95 volunteer lookouts to staff the towers. The towers opened for the season on 5/1/24 and closed on 12/23/24.

We held classroom training in April and in-tower training in May-July for 22 new lookouts.

Below are the fire statistics for both towers for 2024.

2023 Statistics	High Point	Boucher Hill
Smokes Reported	38	72
Lightning Strikes Reported	3	8
Visitors	1,482	11,773
Days Staffed/Open	228/236	231/237

Membership:

As of 12/31/2024, we have 95 active members. The numbers are up from 2023. In person training of new volunteer lookouts is scheduled to commence in March for the 2025 season. There are approximately 50 individuals that have expressed interest in becoming lookouts for the 2025 season.

Interesting note:

The Inyo National Forest is looking into staffing Bald Mountain Lookout for 2025. They reached out looking for volunteers to vet their procedures prior to 2025. Four lookouts from SDRC spent time in August/September staffing Bald Mountain Lookout.



Forest Fire Lookout Association – San Diego Riverside Chapter



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