



ANNUAL REPORT 2025

The San Diego-Riverside chapter continued to operate two restored lookout towers on Palomar Mountain in 2025. 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 110 volunteer lookouts to staff the towers. The towers opened for the season on 4/16/25 and closed on 11/15/25.

We held classroom training in March and in-tower training in April-July for 25 new lookouts.

Below are the fire statistics for both towers for 2024.

2023 Statistics	High Point	Boucher Hill
Smokes Reported	36	58
Lightning Strikes Reported	15	3
Visitors	1,177	9,424
Days Staffed/Open	204/204	205/214

Membership:

As of 12/31/2025, we have 110 active members. The numbers are up from 2024. In person training of new volunteer lookouts is scheduled to commence in March for the 2026 season. There are approximately 15 individuals that have expressed interest in becoming lookouts for the 2026 season.

Interesting note:

The Inyo National Forest started staffing Bald Mountain Lookout in 2025. They reached out looking for volunteers to staff the lookout. Fourteen lookouts from SDRC spent 3-5 days in late June thru mid October staffing Bald Mountain Lookout.



Forest Fire Lookout Association – San Diego Riverside Chapter



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