

# FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION California-South Chapter



## 2025 Year-End Report

### CURRENT CHAPTER OFFICERS:

Scott McClintock, Director

### LOCAL FFLA CHAPTERS:

1. San Diego-Riverside
2. Monterey

### AFFILIATES:

1. Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association (Angeles NF)
2. Southern California Mountains Foundation (San Bernardino NF)
3. Hi Mountain Condor Lookout (Los Padres NF)

### PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. **CONE PEAK LO (1288)** – This structure is currently full of repeater gear and is not useable as a lookout. The Los Padres National Forest radio technicians had plans to remove the equipment, and avail the structure to the FFLA for restoration and operation. However, the access road to the lookout trailhead suffered major washout damage in December, 2021. Repairs to the road have begun, but will be extensive. I will be monitoring that status for the time that the lookout is accessible.

Project Status: SUSPENDED



2. **FIGUEROA MOUNTAIN LO (881)** – On 1/21/25 I met with District Ranger Benjamin Gray and three archaeologists on site about refurbishing the stripped-out cab and putting Figueroa Mountain back into service. However, that was Inauguration Day, and executive orders were issued that same afternoon to cut back the federal workforce. These staffers did not return messages after that day.

Project Status: SUSPENDED



3. **LYONS PEAK LO (754)** – This tower on the Cleveland National Forest is surrounded by private land and access to it is severely limited by litigation. Continuing to monitor the access status, and if it improves, will press for restoration and activation.  
Project Status: SUSPENDED

4. **CHALONE PEAK LO (396)** – Pinnacles National Park has decided to demolish this tower, due to lack of funds for the \$300,000 to \$1 million required to restore it; and ongoing access limitations. Corresponded on 12/12/24 regarding the pending demolition. Funding not secured, and demo may be as late as 2031. Project Status: SUSPENDED



5. **BALD MOUNTAIN LO (279)** – Continued the “Visiting Volunteers” program and began recruiting local volunteers to eventually form a local FFLA chapter. See 2025 Bald Mountain end-of-year report.  
Project Status: ONGOING



#### **OBJECTIVES FOR 2026:**

- Arrange to build new website for the Cal-South Chapter and for Bald Mountain Lookout, due to the retirement of the previous webmaster
- Continue building the Eastern Sierra local chapter
- Evaluate volunteers to fill Cal-South Chapter directorship
- Provide liaison with the FFLA chapters in the Southwest Region

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**2025 CAL-SOUTH CHAPTER TOWER STATISTICS:**

Standing lookouts:	29
Lookouts in active detection service:	10
Rental lookouts:	0
Lookouts needing significant repairs:	9
Lookouts converted to alternate uses:	6

Respectfully submitted,

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