



Forest Fire Lookout Association

North Idaho/Montana Chapter

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NORTH IDAHO/MONTANA CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT

MEMBERSHIP:

168 Current Paid Members (36 Plus)

Includes: 9 Membership Renewal Past Due

Net gain of members: 4 (17 New/transferred, 3 Dropped)

55 Complimentary Memberships (agency personnel, etc.) varies by issue

Chapter finances grew by over \$3,000, much of that donations for the Lookout Mountain Restoration Project. A significant percentage of the ending balance of \$20,053.46 is earmarked donations.

LEADERSHIP:

The chapter continues to use Leif Haugen as a deputy for the Flathead-Glacier area and Samsara Duffey for Central Montana.

SUB-CHAPTER:

The Northwest Montana Lookout Association (NWMTLA) continues to be very active supporting lookout restoration and maintenance on the Flathead and Kootenai National Forests, Glacier National Park, and the Montana DNRC. The group has their own 501c3 status, but remains associated with the FFLA.

ACTIVITIES:

The chapter continues to support the planning to get the stalled Lookout Mountain cab replacement project moving again, although minimal activity other than fundraising took place in 2025.

Plans for Priscilla Peak Lookout, one of the few remaining L-2 cupola lookouts, remain on hold due in large part to continued gate key issues for local volunteers .

The chapter was participated in the planning and partnered with the University of Idaho in holding the 1st National Interdisciplinary Lookout Conference in April. The event turned out to be very successful; another conference is planned for April 2026.

The chapter supported lookout improvement projects on the Flathead NF.

The chapter continued coordinating with the principals behind the Idaho Fire Lookouts website, www.idahofirelookouts.com, who have continued fundraising efforts to support Idaho lookout restoration efforts as well as starting an ambitious project to list as many Idaho lookout staffers as possible.

The chapter established communication with new Idaho Panhandle NF archaeologists concerning lookout restorations on the forest.

Several chapter members were part of the celebration for legendary lookout John Crawford's 50th year as a lookout.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

The chapter expects to continue with the aforementioned Lookout Mountain and Priscilla Peak projects, as well as supporting Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks with planning for the future of Williams Peak Lookout.

The chapter continues to be ready to support other projects, as agencies move forward with decisions; one that appears to be moving forward for 2026 is restoration at Snow Peak Lookout.

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