

FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION Northwestern Region (Formerly Western)



2025 Year-End Report

CURRENT REGIONAL OFFICER:

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HistoriCorps – Custer Peak 2025 Restoration

REGIONAL FFLA CHAPTERS:

1. Washington
2. Oregon
3. North Idaho and Montana
4. South Idaho
5. Wyoming – South Dakota
6. North Dakota
7. Alaska
8. Hawaii
9. Alberta

AFFILIATES:

There are several local and affiliate chapters, however, a recent one was just created to support Red Top lookout on the Okanogan-Wenatchee NF in central Washington. This effort was spearheaded by John Hearing of the also newly constituted Washington chapter.

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:

- Multiple projects took place throughout the region with the balance being in Washington state under the direction of the full state chapter.
- HistoriCorps had several lookout restoration projects. <https://historiccorps.org/2025-volunteer-opportunities/>
- Oregon is without a full chapter(s) director, and the Blue Mountain affiliate chapter is currently no longer in operation. Stabilizing and finding leadership for that chapter will be a priority for 2026.
 - o Several of the NF's in Oregon have active prospective projects in the works for lookout removals so SHPO coordination will also be a priority.
- Continued outreach to southern Idaho Forests and have had inquiries from local parties interested in supporting No Business Lookout. Was able to also connect one person with Forest Archeologist on the Boise NF interested in volunteering on lookout projects around the north end of the Forest.
- Through various chapter shifts and moves, collectively the chapters in the Northwestern region grew by 29 members for a total of 508 paid members affiliating with chapters in the northwestern states.

OBJECTIVES FOR 2026:

- Continue to support chapter directors as necessary and provide direction and guidance to new chapters.
- Watch this amazing movie!!! <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt33523851/>



Filmed on the Coconino any thoughts? Buck Mountain?

- Support ongoing NHLR and database updates and revisions with better and more accurate lookout inventory data.
- Support planning and logistics for Western Regional Conference in Cle Elum, WA as well as the second Interdisciplinary Fire Lookout conference at the University of Idaho.

2025 CHAPTER TOWER STATISTICS:

No lookouts were lost in 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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