2025 brought several Updates and Improvements to Vermont Fire Towers.

In the Northeast Kingdom Region:
Burke Mountain received significant upgrades, a safety Railing was Added to the Cab Floor, metal Fencing was installed along the Sides, Stairs, and Landings. The summit Cabin at Bald(Westmore) Mountain had a new metal Roof Installed and Interior Cab Railings were also installed here on the fire tower.

In Central Vermont:
Spruce and Elmore Mountains received interior Cab Railings as well. Tower Maintenance was completed at Okemo, Burke, and Bear Hill (Allis State Park), this Work included Lightning Protection, Paint, interior Cab Railings, and wire Mesh installed on Stairs and Landings.

In Southern Vermont:
Interior Cab Railings were installed at Mt. Olga and Gile Mountain in Norwich received new white Oak Wood Stairs. Gile Mtn. is maintained by the Norwich Town Conservation Commission.

The Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation continues to do an excellent Job Maintaining Our Sentinels of the Woods.

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