

**Western North Carolina FFLA Chapter Report
2025
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Year-End Membership: 35 (loss of 5 from 2024)

Year-End Chapter Finances: \$2,782.61

- Site visit to Camp Creek Bald lookout tower to assess condition
- Site visit to Bearwallow Mountain lookout tower to assess condition
- Bearwallow Mountain Trail clearing & rehabilitation following Hurricane Helene damage; vehicular access road rehabilitation
- Communications with USFS re: Fryingpan Mountain degradation, vandalism, and visitor access impacts/issues

Goals for 2026:

- Work with AT&T to remove telephone line and poles to improve scenic quality atop Bearwallow Mountain
- Work with partners (USFS Pisgah District, BRP Foundation, local TDAs (Haywood, Transylvania) to develop plan for rehabilitation & visitor use management of Fryingpan Mountain lookout tower
- Explore options for funding & rehabilitation of Hawshaw Mountain lookout tower with landowner (Cartner)

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