

Northern California Chapter Report 2011

Current Membership: 18

Current Account Balance: \$1,290.33

-During 2011, Forest Fire Lookout Association brochures were distributed at various venues, including ranger stations, visitor centers, meetings, and at Weaver Bally forest fire lookout on Shasta-Trinity National Forest. All email, phone and mail inquiries were responded to.

-In May 2011, I attended the Annual Lookout Workshop presented by Klamath National Forest. Dispatch, Aviation, Law Enforcement, Fire Weather, Radio Communications, Prevention and Detection personnel were represented for lively discussion. Enjoyed the slideshow presentation of Klamath National Forest's staffed and unstaffed lookouts. The catered lunch was tasty and joyfully prepared.

-In October 2011, a group of fire lookouts gathered in Redding to reminisce about fire season, share information, and eat pizza. U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and contract fire tower staff from Modoc, Lassen, Shasta, Trinity, Humboldt, Siskiyou, Mendocino and Stanislaus counties attended.

-Three lookout site visits occurred at staffed fire towers in Shasta-Trinity and Klamath National Forest.

Goals for 2012: Identify and nominate additional Northern California fire towers for National Historic Lookout Register status. Explore fire tower and staffing history. Continue the collection of fire lookout oral history interviews. Organize a Northern California Chapter meeting.

All time, postage, phone bills, Internet service, and travel have been paid for out-of-pocket as donations to Forest Fire Lookout Association.

Respectfully submitted,

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