



Forest Fire Lookout Association Restoration Grant Program

2020 RESTORATION GRANT ANNUAL REPORT

Four Restoration Grant applications were received in 2020; awards were made to three. Additional grants were made by chapters out of their funds. No requests were made for grants from the Matt Walter Fund.

1) **Harvey Mountain Lookout, California**

The first FFLA Restoration Grant of 2020 was awarded to the Lassen National Forest for the restoration of Harvey Mountain Lookout. The \$500 grant was to be used to purchase materials for replacing the deck boards of the catwalk and the top handrails. In addition, the shutters will be refurbished. The Lassen NF will also contribute funds toward purchase of the materials.

Due to the fire season and work scheduling interruptions from COVID protocols, the work has been put off until next year. Long-time FFLA member and former Northern California Director Vickie Lamoureux staffed Harvey Mountain this season.

2) **Antelope Mountain Lookout, California**

The second FFLA Restoration Grant of 2020 was awarded to the Lassen National Forest for repairs of Antelope Mountain Lookout. The \$500 grant was used to purchase materials for replacing all of the old, heavy, worn out shutters. Lassen NF employee Todd Amrein designed, constructed, and installed the new shutters. Antelope was unstaffed this season due to hiring complications, removing the issue of social distancing for Todd as he did the work by himself during this very challenging season. Coordination for the project was handled by Acting Northern California Director Kyle Stetler and Lassen NF Fire Prevention Tech Tanya Costello.

3) **National Museum of Forest Service History L-4 Lookout, Montana**

The third FFLA Restoration Grant of 2020 has been awarded to the National Museum of Forest Service History (NMFSH) for the restoration of the L-4 lookout on the Museum grounds, west of Missoula, Montana. The replica lookout, originally built for the Smithsonian Folklife Festival at the Washington, DC Mall in 2005 by the USFS Preservationist Team, included materials salvaged from Minton Peak Lookout. After the Festival ended, the lookout was deconstructed and moved to the 36-acre NMFSH campus where it was reconstructed on a short tower and partially refurbished, but the site was not open to the public at the time, so permitting and restoration were not completed. The lookout has now been moved to the center of the Museum's Forest Discovery Trail and placed on concrete footings at ground level to meet Missoula County regulations regarding ADA accessibility.

The \$500 grant was used for restoration of the lookout and was matched by the Montana-North Idaho Chapter. Local FFLA members participated in restoration tasks.

4) **Five Mile Butte Lookout, Oregon**

A request was submitted for a grant for minor renovations to Five Mile Butte Lookout, a rental on the Mt. Hood NF. The request was turned down, since the district/forest should be getting rental revenues to pay for such projects.

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