



Forest Fire Lookout Association Restoration Grant Program

2015 RESTORATION GRANT ANNUAL REPORT

Three Restoration Grant applications were received in 2015; awards were made to all three, two of which are D-6 cupola lookouts in the Northwest. No emergency stabilization grant applications were received.

- 1) **North Twentymile Peak D-6 Cupola, Washington**

The first FFLA Restoration Grant of 2015 was been awarded to FFLA member Bob Pfeifer for restoration of the North Twentymile Peak D-6 Cupola on the Okanogan National Forest. The grant, supplemented by grants from the Chuck Butler Fund and the Eastern Washington FFLA Chapter, went toward paying for rehab materials including, but not limited to roof shingles, siding, flooring, sub-flooring, primer, and paint. Much of the work was accomplished Pfeifer and professional carpenter Tony Holan of Tonasket before Bob's death in August. Tony and Bob's son, Eric, wrapped up the project for the season in September; it is expected to be finished next year. Assistance in airlifting supplies to the summit was provided by the North Cascades Smokejumper Base and the Okanogan-Wenatchee NF. The 92-year old D-6 is considered by many to be the most true to its original design of the nine remaining in the nation. It still has nearly all of its original windows and its unique twisted-wire lightning hardware.
- 2) **Mount Agamenticus Fire Tower, Maine**

The second FFLA Restoration Grant of 2015 is going toward the restoration of Mount Agamenticus Fire Tower near York, ME. The restoration effort targets complete stair and landing replacement, many different cab repairs, repairing of the catwalk, and all new windows. A structural analysis will be conducted in 2016 and the repair effort will proceed based on the recommendations of this report. A Go Fund Me campaign run by the York Fire Department earned more than \$10,000. Other contributors to this effort include FFLA members, the York Fire department, and numerous other volunteers. This lookout continues to be staffed by volunteers from various Southern Maine fire departments.
- 3) **Dutchman Peak D-6 Cupola, Oregon**

The third FFLA Restoration Grant of 2015 is going toward the restoration of the Dutchman Peak D-6 Cupola on the Rogue River National Forest. The grant will go toward restoring the living quarters to livable conditions, restoring shutters and brackets, and repairing catwalk boards and the propane heater and lines. Project implementation is set for 2016. Built in 1927, Dutchman is the only D-6 still being staffed for fire detection. With its location along the Pacific Coast Trail, the lookout receives 100-300 visitors each year

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