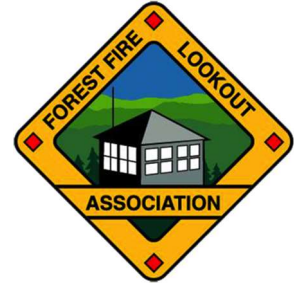


FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION
California-South Division



2020 Year-End Report

CURRENT CHAPTER OFFICERS:

Scott McClintock, Director

LOCAL FFLA CHAPTERS:

1. San Diego-Riverside
2. Monterey

AFFILIATES:

1. Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association (Angeles NF)
2. Southern California Mountains Foundation (San Bernardino NF)
3. Hi Mountain Condor Lookout (Los Padres NF)

2020 REGIONAL NOTE:

California's 2020 wildfire season burned twice the acreage of any other season in recorded history.

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. CHEWS RIDGE LO (751) – Continued as acting Chapter Chairman. Trained 29 new volunteers, increasing the chapter to 63 members. Tower opening was delayed two months due to Coronavirus pandemic precautions and regulation. The season opened June 1 with virus control procedures instituted and public tours halted. Chews Ridge LO was evacuated 8 days for the Carmel Fire, and 21.5 days for the Dolan Fire. With the disruption by the pandemic and nearby fires, the planned appointment of a local Chapter Chairperson was delayed. Also completed the major project of converting new volunteer classroom lecture training into online video format.
Project Status: ONGOING
2. FFLA CHALLENGE COINS - Secured approval to order and sell challenge coins from the Board of Directors. Ordered the coins and sent them to Gary Weber for sales. First order sold out – project proved profitable.
Project Status: COMPLETE

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3. CONE PEAK LO (1288) – This structure is currently full of repeater gear and is not useable as a lookout. The Los Padres National Forest radio technicians had plans to remove the equipment this year, and avail the structure to the FFLA for restoration and operation. This summer the Dolan Fire burned over Cone Peak, but the all-metal tower survived undamaged. The extent of this major fire was such that the LPNF's projects are set back one to three years.

Project Status: DELAYED.

4. FIGUEROA MOUNTAIN LO (881) – On November 11, I arranged access and conducted a site visit at Figueroa Mountain LO in Santa Barbara County. I deemed the site viable for restoration and operations. On November 19, I sent an e-mailed brief to USFS Division Chief Laugharn to open discussions on initiating the project. No response as of 12/26/20.

Project Status: PENDING



FINANCIAL ACTIVITY:

September 11 – Drew a \$500 emergency repair grant toward the replacement of the incinerating toilet at High Point LO in the San Diego-Riverside Chapter.

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OBJECTIVES FOR 2021:

- Conduct site visits to as many California-South towers as possible and update their conditions.
- Submit visit reports to the NHLR.
- Pursue restoration and reactivation projects, especially Figueroa Mountain LO and Cone Peak LO.

2020 DIVISION TOWER STATISTICS:

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| Standing lookouts: | 29 |
| Lookouts in active service: | 12 |
| Lookouts in partial service: | 0 |
| Rental lookouts: | 0 |
| Lookouts needing significant repairs: | 9 |
| Lookouts converted to alternate uses: | 6 |
| Lookouts lost in 2020: | 0 |

Respectfully submitted,

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