



FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION, INC.

San Diego – Riverside Chapter

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Boucher Hill Lookout Construction Begins

Palomar Mountain

Construction has begun on Cal Fire’s Boucher Hill Fire Lookout Station at Palomar Mountain State Park.

Scaffolding surrounds the structure as old roofing and siding material is removed and replaced. The catwalk will be renovated and additional damage sustained in the 2007 Poomacha Fire will be repaired.



The lookout, constructed in 1948 will be transferred to Palomar Mountain State Park at the conclusion of the project. The park and the Forest Fire Lookout Association’s San Diego-Riverside Chapter will complete a 1948 period restoration and operate the lookout and grounds for interpretive, educational and fire detection purposes.

FFLA is seeking funding for restoration and operation of the lookout.

2011 Volunteer Training Begins

Ramona

New Volunteer Training will be conducted for all who are interested in operating our Fire Lookout Stations;

The Cleveland National Forest’s High Point Lookout and Palomar Mountain State Park’s Boucher Hill Lookout



when complete. Training will take place at the Cleveland National Forest Studebaker Training Center located at:

Palomar Ranger District Office

1634 Black Canyon Rd.
Ramona, CA 92065

Training dates are **Saturday, April 16th** 9 am – 4 pm for Orientation, Natural History and Interpretation. Tower Operations Training will take place on **Saturday, April 23rd** 9 am – 4 pm. Both training days are required to complete the program along with an In-Tower training date.

Planning to attend? Please RSVP to highpointlookout@yahoo.com. A high clearance vehicle is generally required to reach High Point. Additional training will be required for volunteers at Boucher Hill Lookout.

Restoration Help Needed at Boucher Hill

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Volunteers are needed to complete the restoration of the lookout grounds and structures. Your experience with water,

propane and electrical systems will help greatly. Anyone with general construction experience,



sheet rock, plywood paneling, wood floor refinishing can help too...no experience??? We can use your help too. Send an Email to the above address if you can help!

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Lyons Peak Collection Received

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A significant collection of photographs, articles and mementos has been donated to FFLA by Barbara Hover DeWilde. Barbara's parents, Howard and Bobbie Hover served as lookout operators on Lyons Peak from 1932-

40 and again from 1946 until their retirement in 1955.

Barbara grew up on the mountain with her two brothers, Vernon and Johnny. Barbara donated a treasure of photographs and information that indicates the first Lyons Peak Lookout



may have been built as early as 1910. This construction date would make Lyons Peak one of the earliest permanent fire detection sites in California.

Four separate lookout structures have graced the peak with construction in the 1910's, 1920's, 1935 and the current 1964 lookout.

Barbara now lives in Missouri and has shared many stories about her time growing up on Lyons Peak. FFLA hopes to restore and re-open the 1964 built tower for fire detection in the future.

Del Mar Fair Volunteers Needed

San Diego

The San Diego County Fair is on from June 10th through July 4th. The Cleveland National Forest



has a booth at the Del Mar Fairgrounds and has invited FFLA to participate. Please Email if you are able to work some of the fair dated and talk to San Diego County

residents about our great program!

Temecula Valley Wine and Balloon Festival Volunteers Needed

Corona

Come work at the Temecula Valley Balloon and Wine Festival, June 3rd, 4th and 5th. The Cleveland National Forest has a booth and better yet...the Smokey Bear

Balloon! You can talk Lookouts, Fire Prevention and spark arrestors. You can be a part of the balloon



crew. You can hang out with some pretty cool Forest Service and BLM staff. You may even get a ride in the balloon if you work really hard! Email for details.

High Point to Open in Mid-May

Palomar Mountain

High Point Lookout is scheduled to open on Saturday, May 14th. The lookout is opening slightly earlier than



last year. Southern California saw significant precipitation this year that will create larger fuel loads as the vegetation dries out. We expect a busy fire season in 2011. Get trained and get your binoculars ready! Every Lookout Volunteer helps keep San Diego and Riverside County

citizens safe through early detection of wildfires.

Volunteer with FFLA Today

We always need your help with fire detection, historical research, construction and grant opportunities. Email today! highpointlookout@yahoo.com.