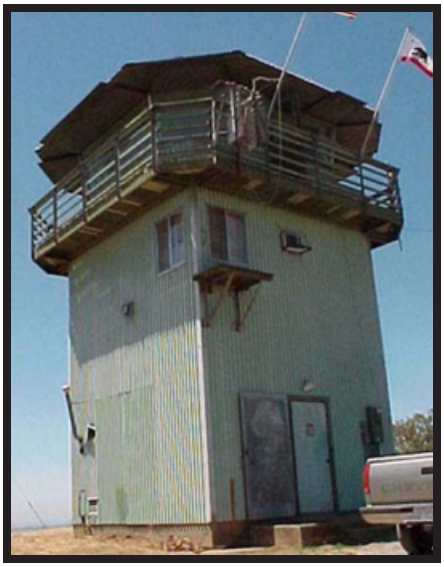
CDF Lookouts 2003

Historically, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) has had as many as 77 lookouts located statewide. Lookouts provided the first report of smoke on the majority of wildland fires in what were once considered remote areas of the state. These days, the majority of first reports on fires come from people who live in wildland areas, or people with cell phones who are driving through or recreating in wildland areas. Because of this proven trend, and due to hampered visibility from air pollution, CDF no longer uses lookouts in Southern California. CDF lookouts do, however, still play a role in fire detection in Northern California.



Pilot Peak Lookout is located in El Dorado County.

CDF lookouts are staffed in several ways. They can be staffed by volunteers or by seasonal personnel. Most are staffed only during peak fire season, or during high fire danger times. On occassion some have been staffed throughout the fire season. Serious fire season conditions and extreme fire weather are CDF's considerations when determining staffing for lookouts.

Lookouts that may be staffed during the 2003 fire season and the county they are located in are listed below by CDF Administrative Unit.

Amador-El Dorado
Mt. Zion Lookout (Amador County)
Pilot Peak Lookout (El Dorado County)

Butte
Bald Mountain Lookout
Bloomer Mountain Lookout
Platt Mountain Lookout
Sawmill Peak Lookout
Sunset Hill Lookout

Fresno-Kings
No active lookouts

Humboldt-Del Norte
Grasshopper Lookout (Humboldt County)
Pratt Mountain Lookout (Humboldt County)
Red Mountain Lookout (Del Norte County)

Lassen-Modoc
Don Landon Lookkout (Lassen County)
Dyer Mountain Lookout (Lassen County)
Fredonyer Peak Lookout (Lassen County)
Likely Mountain Lookout (Lassen County)
Manzanita Peak Lookout (Modoc County)
Pegleg Lookout (Lassen County)
Snag Hill Lookout (Lassen County)

Madera-Mariposa-Merced
No active lookouts

Mendocino
Cold Springs Lookout
Cahto Peak Lookout

Nevada-Yuba-Placer
Banner Mountain Lookout (Nevada County)
Mount Howell Lookout (Placer County)
Oregon Peak Lookout (Yuba County)
Wolf Mountain Lookout (Nevada County)
Martis Peak Lookout (Placer County)

Riverside
No lookouts

San Benito-Monterey
No active lookouts

San Bernardino
No lookouts

San Diego
No active lookouts

San Luis Obispo
No lookouts

San Mateo – Santa Cruz
No lookouts

Santa Clara
No lookouts

Shasta-Trinity
Bully Choop Lookout (Trinity County)
Hogback Lookout (Shasta County)
Latour Butte Lookout (Shasta County)
Shasta Bear Mountain Lookout (Shasta County)
Solder Mountain Lookout (Shasta County)

Siskiyou
Duzel Rock Lookout
Quartz Hill Lookout
Siskiyou Bear Lookout

Sonoma-Lake-Napa
Berryessa Peak Lookout (Napa County)
Konocti Lookout (Lake County)
Pole Mountain Lookout (Sonoma County)

Tehama-Glenn
Eagle Peak Lookout Tehama County)
Inskip Hill Lookout (Tehama County)

Tulare
No lookouts

Tuolumne-Calaveras
Blue Mountain Lookout (Calaveras County)

Mt. Howell Lookout is located in Placer County.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection does not rent lookouts.
For information concerning rentals on U.S. Forest Service lands please refer to their website - Rental Cabins and Lookouts at:
http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/recreation/rentals.html

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