



Northwest Montana Lookout Association 2020 Restoration Projects



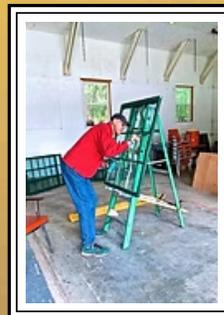
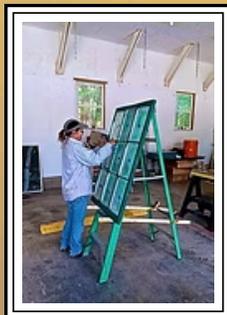
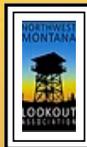
Value-in-kind contributions to the Kootenai & Flathead National Forests, Glacier National Park, and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation by our volunteers, members and partners for the 2020 project season amounted to \$63,000.

Project History

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Glazing/Painting Wam Window Workshop



Project Leader:
Chuck Manning
Glazing Volunteers:
Joann&Joe Schmidt, Donald Stolte, Robert Saint Louis,
Amanda McIntosh, Karen & Mark Sheets, Peter Kitts,
Nancy Manning, and Rick & Marli Davis.
Painting Volunteers:
Cindy Hemry, Angie Stafford, Tyler Rounds, Marcy Goheen,
Don Stolte, Joann Schmidt, Karen Sheets,
Nancy Manning, and Rick & Marli Davis.
Value-in-kind contribution - \$18,000.



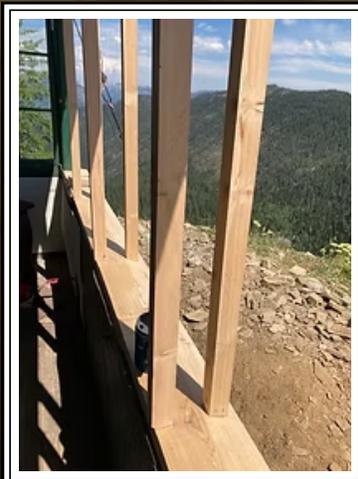


*Donald Stolte
Rick Davis
Chuck Manning
Kjell Petersen
Kootenai NF Repellers*





Mount Wam Project
Kootenai NF



NMLA members Peter Kitts, Don Stolte, Karen & Mark Sheets, Amanda McIntosh, Tammy Bogovich, Tyler Mellem, Nancy Manning, Marli & Rick Davis, and Dan Ward (FS) participated in this year's restoration project at Mount

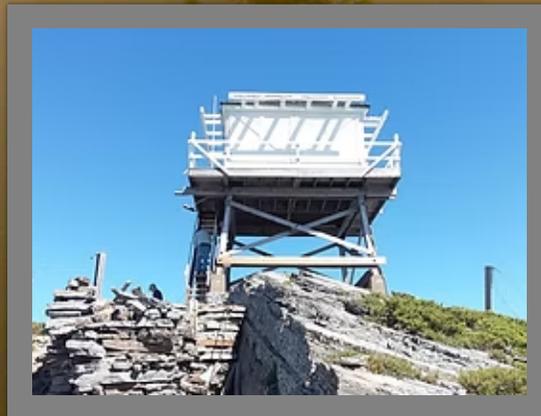
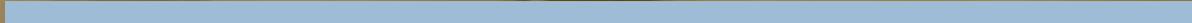


Wam. The restoration included the replacement of three window sills and headers, installing all 19 of the newly refurbished windows, and the removal and replacement of all siding. A special thank you goes out to the Montana Academy, the Youth Conservation Corp and the Chrysalis School Montana and several board members for hiking in and out supplies.

Value-in-kind contribution - \$15,000.



Rick Davis, Karen Downs, Chuck Manning



Meadow Peak Project

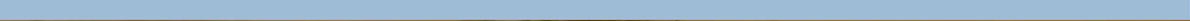
Kootenai NF

Throughout the summer and fall we continued to put finishing touches on Meadow Peak Lookout in preparation for it being placed in the Recreation.gov program. The tasks included extending handrails to meet OSHA requirements and implementing a way to secure the shutters during winter months. If everything goes as planned

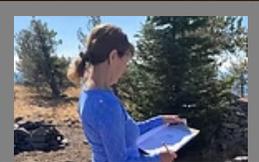
and with a few more tweaks, it will be ready for the general public to enjoy in 2021. Thank you Deb & Bob Starling, Salena & Mark Beckwith, Troy Denman, and Chris Beever along with support by the Libby Ranger District Rec. Dept. for their help in bringing this project closer to the finishing line. A special mention to Team Leader, Chuck Manning; who devoted countless hours and energy, as he always does, to the success of this project. Value-in-kind contribution - \$4,800.




*Deb Starling
Chuck Manning*



McGuire Assessment
Kootenai NF





Kathy Butterfield, Marli & Rick Davis, Nancy & Chuck Manning along with Dan Ward, Forestry Technician -Trails, Kootenai National Forest, conducted an in-depth assessment of McGuire Lookout in preparation for an extensive restoration project next summer. Built in 1923, it was abandoned around 1944 and later renovated between 1983 and 1998. Value in kind contribution - \$1,000.



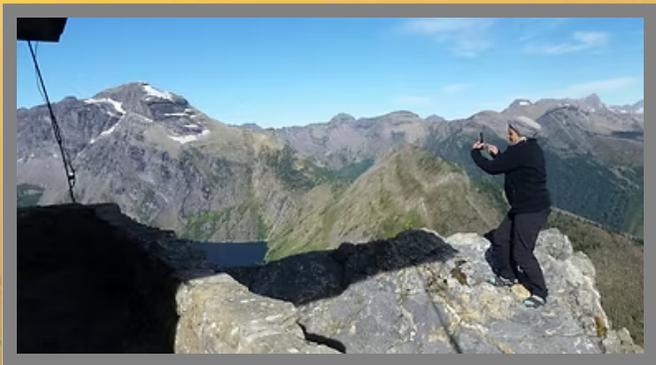
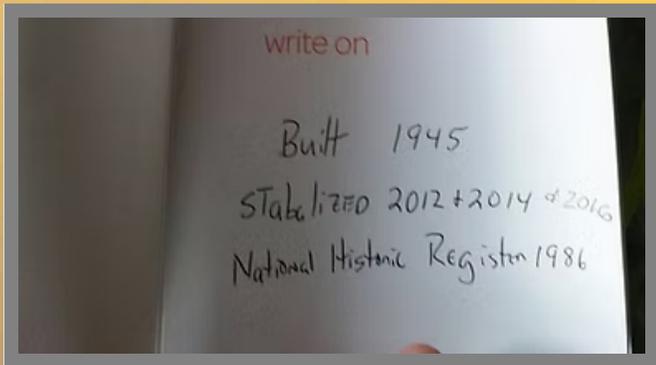
Rick Davis



Heaven's Peak Assessment

Glacier NP



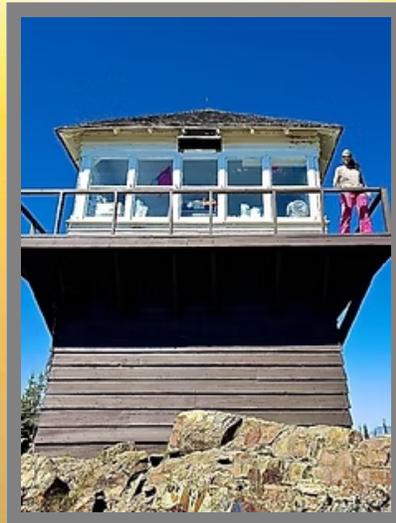


Although the lookout assessment was fairly routine, the trip in for an overnight stay was anything but. A very tough hike...3,000 vertical feet bushwhacking slog through the 2003 Trapper Fire with no trail. Lookout hasn't been staffed in decades so there is no Osborne firefinder. Stabilization work in 2012/14/16 by NPS and Mennonite crews. Thank you volunteers Kathy Butterfield, Tammy Bogovich, and Traute Parrie plus guide/carpenter Zach Rubin with the NPS. Value-in-kind contribution - \$2,500.



Traute Parrie

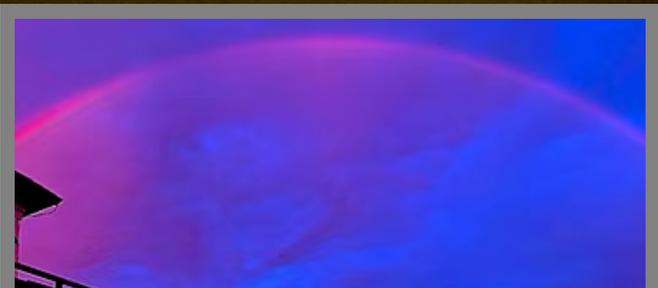


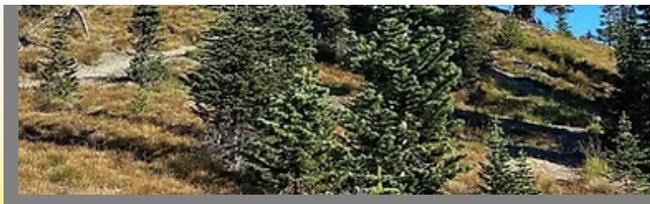


Mount Brown Project

Glacier NP

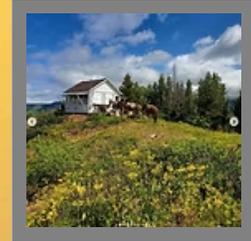
*Mark Gunther, Amanda McIntosh, Kathy Butterfield and Greg Evans spent several days, mid-August painting Mount Brown Lookout located in Glacier National Park under the watchful eye of several area mountain goats. They painted the entire exterior as well as some touch-up painting on the interior. Thank you Mark, Amanda, Kathy and Greg for volunteering for this project which was supported by the Park Service.
Value-in-kind contribution - \$4,500.*





Kathy Butterfield , Greg Evans, Heidi Brown Haugen, & Chuck Manning





Mud Lake Project Flathead NF



**Located within the Bob Marshal Wilderness,
Mud Lake Lookout overlooks the South Fork River drainage
where Big Salmon Creek joins the South Fork of the Flathead River.**

**Thank you Bob Cowdrick and Tyler Mellem
for joining Chuck Manning for this final phase of restoration.**

The first phase of this lookout project started back in 2015 and we look forward to returning in a few years to give it another coat of paint. This final phase was supported by the in-kind generosity of Salmon Fork Outfitters. The Salmon Forks Outfitters staff which included Payned, Jay, Doog, Aden, and Luke took care of us and supported us like family.

**Thank you Salmon Forks Outfitters!
Value-in-kind contribution - \$7,800.**

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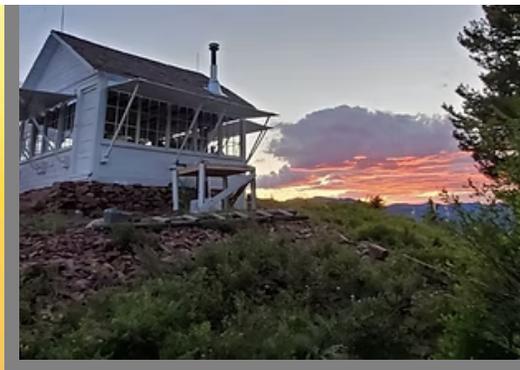
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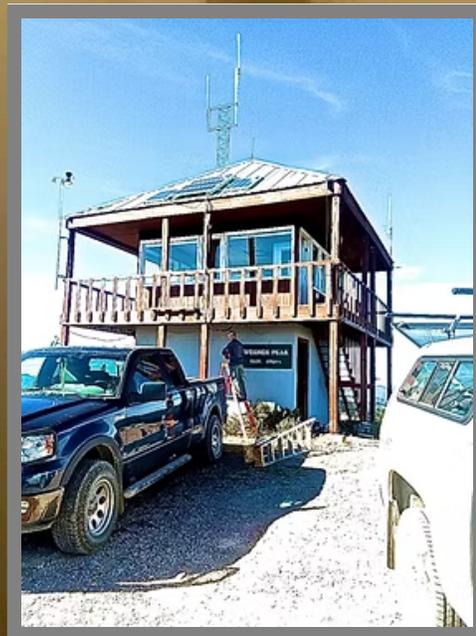
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Tyler Mellem, Bob Cowdrick, Chuck Manning

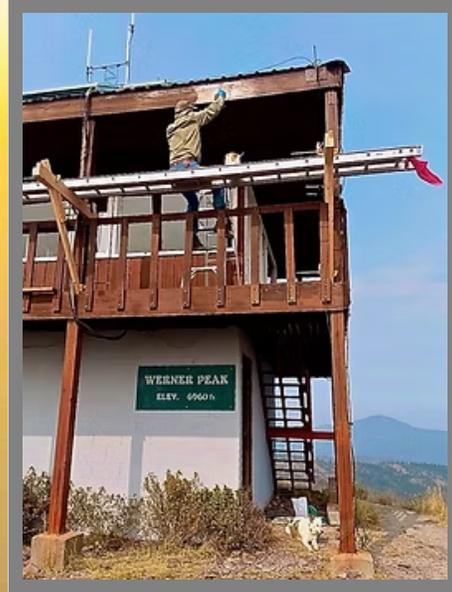


Werner Peak Project
Montana State Lands



**Werner Peak Lookout sits at 6,960 feet atop the Whitefish Mountain Range located approximately 23 miles north of Whitefish, MT.
Chuck Stearns, Joe & Joann Schmidt, Bob Saint-Louis, Ben Cavin,**

*Helen Tyree, Ray Davis, Nancy & Chuck Manning, and Marli & Rick Davis
helped scrape and paint the exterior.
Value-in-kind contribution - \$6,300.*



*Chuck Sterns
Chuck Manning
Rick Davis*





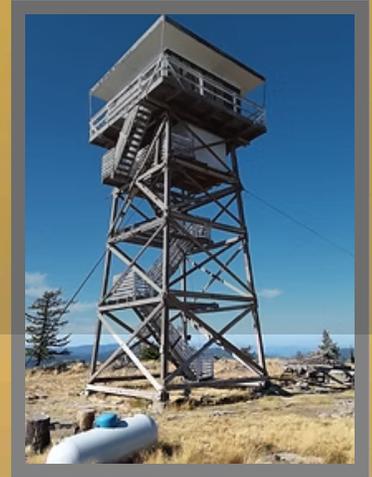
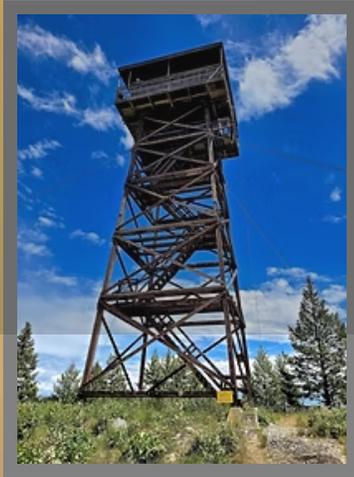
Blue Mountain

Forest Assessments

Kootenai NF

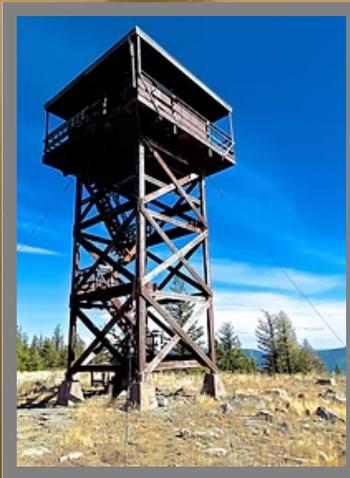
Four assessments were conducted on the Kootenai NF to help determine restoration priorities for next season.

Thanks to association volunteers Selena & Mark Beckwith and Deb & Bob Starling . Value-in-kind contribution - \$3,000.



Big Swede

Big Creek Baldy



Big Starling



Deb Starling

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