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2021 NEWS

2021 Winter Newsletter

**NORTHWEST MONTANA
LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION**

*Dedicated to the preservation of forest fire lookouts
in Northwest Montana*

WINTER 2021



McGuire LD 1979, June 2011, & Oct 2011

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

2021 may have been a record hot year in the Flathead, but lots of cool things were happening up at the lookouts. This year we had 37 volunteers complete more than 250 person days of work for our Agency Partners for an in-kind value of more than \$60,000.

Our project at McGuire Lookout made major progress, as you can see in the photos above. The summer's work was diverse. From installation of a much-needed new toilet, to re-glazing windows at two lookouts, to foundation work and painting, our volunteers continue to devote their TLC into fire lookouts in Glacier National Park, the Kootenai National Forest and Selkirk State Forest. Each year we also do assessments of lookout condition and work needs to help Agencies develop longer term plans for other lookouts in their inventory.

As we enjoy the holidays, we are so thankful for our many Partners, volunteers, and donors who continue to support our mission of caring for northwest Montana's lookouts. From the entire Lookout Board, Best wishes for a wonderful 2022.

Chuck Manning
Board Chair



Welcome to our Newest Board Member Pete Thomas

A Whistler local for 25 years, Pete has always been involved in the rugged recreation of Northwest Montana, the recreational activities they offer, and the camaraderie of the local community. Outside of his work as a designer, artist and writer, he enjoys raising his two daughters, Echo and Eva, along with his wife, Allison, herself a fine woodworker. Pete is an avid cyclist and has ridden up to several local lookouts, so he is excited to join the board of the NWMTLA to help preserve these important pieces of history. Maybe we can convince his wife to come swing a hammer next summer, too.

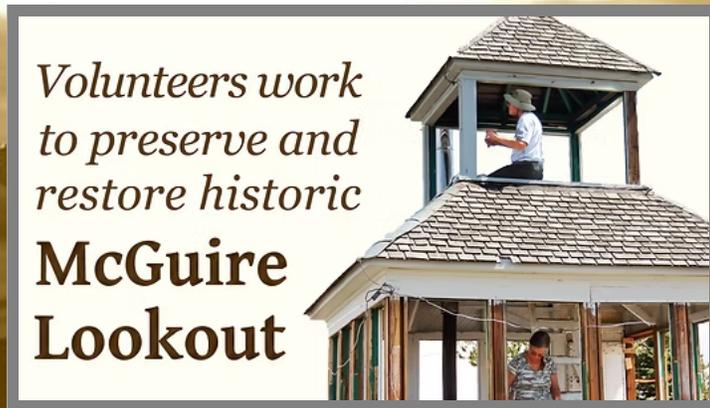
Fire Lookout Rentals





McGuire Lookout Restoration

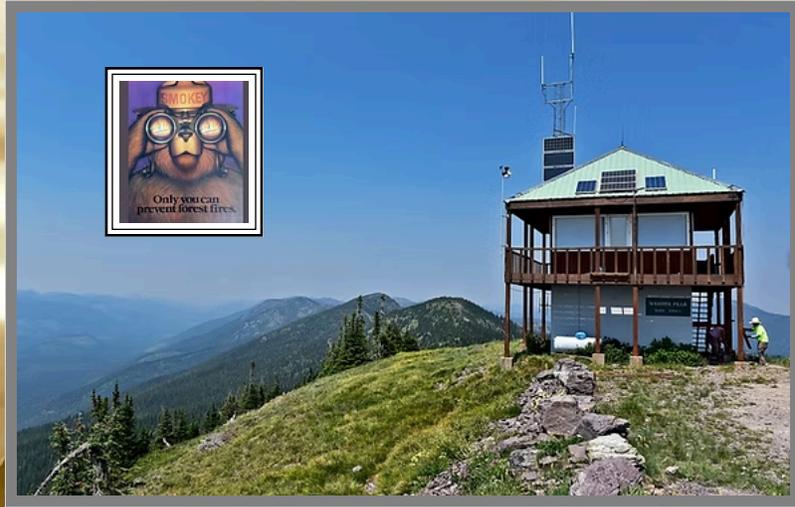
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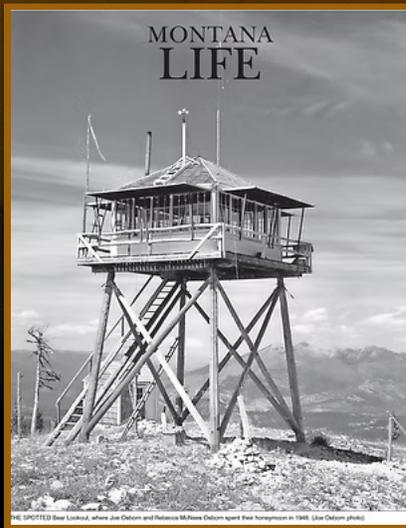
The View from Her Mountaintop Perch



Werner Peak Legacy



The Things They Saw



2021 Montana Historic Preservation Award



2021 MONTANA HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD
Northwest Montana Chapter
of the
Forest Fire Lookout Association
MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
State Historic Preservation Office

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GLACIER CONVERSATIONS
Michael Faist & Andrew Smith of Glacier's Podcast



Thank you for joining us!

Thank you for joining us for Glacier Conversations featuring a discussion with Park Rangers Michael Faist and Andrew Smith about Glacier's new podcast, Headwaters. In case you missed part of it, or if you'd like to forward on to a friend, please click the link below to find a recording of our discussion with Michael and Andrew.

University Times
Ireland's Largest Student Newspaper

A photograph of a fire lookout tower in a forest. The tower is a wooden structure with a platform on top, surrounded by trees. The sky is blue with some clouds.

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**'GOD MOMENTS' IN A
FIRE LOOKOUT TOWER**

Across the US, the government pays lookouts to watch out for fires in the woods and wilderness.

