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Grouse Ridge

Progress is continuing on the Grouse Ridge Lookout Restoration Project. A new radio vault was purchased and installed north of the lookout early in the summer. All the radio equipment that was in the lower level of the lookout has been moved to the new vault. This allows the removal of the solar panel on the roof as well as the removal of the lower walls/siding so that the lookout can be restored to its 1923 style. The first attached photo shows the removal of the lower siding by Element 26 and Wagner Construction. The second photo shows Brian Wagner drilling to prep the site for the concrete work. In addition, the toilet has been pumped and a new liner installed in the toilet vault. The supplies and equipment have been purchased including windows, a heater, and the furnishings for the inside of the lookout.

One of the local Forest Service fire crews has committed to rebuilding the outhouse. I also included a photo of our display that sits in the Forest Supervisor's office and gets taken to any presentations that are made.

The Nevada and Placer Resource Advisory Committee provided an additional \$3,000 for construction supplies. No additional dollars were added to the FFLA account this year. Tax forms filed are available upon request. Thanks again for your interest in Grouse Ridge Lookout!

Sardine Lookout

The restoration of Sardine Lookout on the Sierraville Ranger District is coming along nicely. Recent hazmat work has been completed on the lead paint abatement on the building. Volunteers are committed to building the fire finder pedestal, new copy of an original CCC table, and the 2 garage style barn doors for the lower floor. Painting will occur by volunteers this summer. Michael Baldrica (530-994-3401, <u>mbaldrica@fs.fed.us</u>) expects that the project will be ready to rent-out as part of the Recreation Rental program by summer of 2014. The last photo shows Sardine.

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