Colorado/Utah Chapter Annual Report 2013

Membership:

31 current members3 members lost3 members gained

Financial Balance: \$931.59 as of 12/31/2013

Staffed Lookouts:

To my knowledge there was not much change to this status in 2013. Partial or full time lookouts include:

- Devils Head
- Deadman
- Benchmark
- Zenobia
- Round Top
- Park Point
- Shadow Mountain

Projects:

Squaw Mountain was added to the rental system on <u>recreation.gov</u> early in the summer of 2013. The lookout rented very well during the summer and promises to stay busy moving forward. Unfortunately, a storm knocked out 3 of the new windows in late November so the lookout is closed until repairs can me be made in the Spring of 2014. This chapter will be involved in the repairs and once completed rentals are expected to stay booked year round.

Devil's Head received a frame off restoration this year from <u>historicorps.com</u>. The lookout was not in bad shape compared to many. However, as an active, fully staffed lookout, the structure needed to be brought to code. This sort of proactive maintenance bodes well for the future of Devils Head and hopefully, other lookouts in the area as well.

Ute Mountain has also undergone major repairs during 2013. Again, lead by a Historicorp team and assisted by the FFLA. The original project called for the replacement of the lower 20' of the 40' legs, new roof and railings. However, the scope of the project changed when it was discovered that the upper 20' sections of the tower legs require replacement as well. Construction will resume in the Spring of 2014 to complete the project.

Goals & Projects for 2014

- Determine a location for Chimney Rock lookout to be reassembled as an interpretive center.
- Promote/Support Hahns Peak renovation.
- Repair/ Reinforce windows and get Squaw Mountain back on the rental system.
- Implement an online membership enrolment form for FFLA.org
- Increase presence on CO/UT FFLA FaceBook page.
- Increase FFLA memberships
- Promote Sondra Kellogg's Mt. Thorodin DVD (#1 revenue generator for the chapter several years running!)

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