

Restoration Grant Program Report 2010

Three Restoration Grants (\$500 each) were awarded in 2010, for a total of \$1500:

Grouse Ridge Lookout, California

The first FFLA Restoration Grant of 2010 went toward the restoration of Grouse Ridge Lookout, the second-oldest lookout on the Tahoe NF. The Forest Service and the FFLA Tahoe Forest sub-chapter, led by Larry Gruver, will undertake restoration of the 1923 4AR lookout, with the help of other volunteers and partners. Hopes are to begin work this summer, depending on SHPO approval. A project plan was developed and tasks identified with estimated time and a rough schedule. The FFLA grant was to be used to help leverage other grants, as a rough estimate of restoration costs was \$10-15,000. Grouse Ridge has not been staffed since the mid-1970s. Once restored, the Tahoe NF plans to operate the lookout as a recreation rental. Grouse Ridge is listed on the National Historic Lookout Register (US #283, CA #17).

Red Hill Fire Tower, New Hampshire

The second FFLA Restoration Grant of 2010 was awarded to the Moultonborough Fire Department for the restoration and maintenance of Red Hill Fire Tower. The grant was to be used to help with the costs of scraping and painting the tower and cab, as well as with other maintenance issues. The Lakes Regional Conservation Trust (LRCT) who owns the land, and the Town of Moultonborough, who staffs and runs the tower, are partners in the project. Tee shirt sales began last summer as a fundraiser for tower maintenance and restoration, with all money generated being dedicated to the tower. Red Hill is unique in that it is the only regularly-staffed tower in New Hampshire not run by the NH Division of Forests and Lands. Red Hill is listed on the National Historic Lookout Register (US #526, NH #18).

Dickinson Hill Fire Tower, New York

The third FFLA Restoration Grant of 2010 went toward the restoration of the 60-foot Aermotor LS-40 tower at Dickinson Hill. The Friends of Grafton Lakes State Park and FFLA-NY began by replacing all wooden steps, landings, and the cab floor and replacing missing safety screening on the fire tower stairway. Long-term plans (over a five-year period) also include the replacement of all superstructure "X" braces. Dickinson Hill is listed on the National Historic Lookout Register (US #377, NY #22).

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