

Vermont Chapter report for 2012

2012 brought numerous Projects into completion and consideration. Kevin Williamson reports that the roof on Bald Mountain is in need of repair but no plans have been offered for this Project thus far.

The Bromley Mountain observation Tower (Wood Construction. ca; 1960) was removed during the summer and I attended a meeting recently with the USFS and Green Mountain Club proposing to replace it. Several suggestions were offered and the Target Date for completion is 2015.

Mark Haughwout has contributed the following additions to this report -

Stratton Mountain – This tower was operated again this summer as an interpretative site for the Green Mountain Club and Green Mountain National Forest by Hugh & Jeanne Joudry, who have been at this site, annually each summer, for quite a few years.

Okemo Mountain – The roof on this tower was replaced by workers of the Okemo Mountain Ski Area. As reported by First Tracks!! – On Line Ski Magazine, State of Vermont Department of Forests Parks and Recreation Forestry District Manager Jay Maciejowski took a few moments at a monthly managers' meeting at the resort in October to describe the challenges the State has faced with maintenance on the historic fire tower located at the summit of Okemo Mountain. He went on to thank the ski resort's VP of Operations Barry Tucker and his team. He presented Tucker with a certificate of appreciation "for outstanding work to rehabilitate the Okemo Mountain Fire Tower." The roof was solidly repaired as noticed by P. Hayes and M. Haughwout.

Bromley Mountain – This observation tower (never a fire tower) at the top of the ski area on the Long Trail near Manchester was removed in 2011 or 2012 due to its poor condition as determined by engineers. The old fire tower from Killington Peak is being suggested as a possible replacement tower, but at the present time, it is home to about 20 radio antennas. This fire tower was originally constructed on Pico Peak in about 1920 and transferred to Killington in the early 1960's. It is one of two towers that are different from all of the other 14 standing towers in Vermont. Glastenbury Mountain is also the same construction as this tower.

Mt. Olga – This tower needs repairs – a step needs to be replaced at the bottom and green wire fencing needs to be added to the landings like Okemo Mountain. A FFLA Grant is being applied for at this time.

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