

**Wyoming FFLA Chapter Reports
Big Horn and Medicine Bow Chapters
2013
January 09, 2014**

Membership: 19

Balance Forward: \$295.03

Wyoming Chapters Summary:

The year of 2013 for Wyoming chapters may be summed up as a year of postponement. The beginning of 2013 looked to be a very promising year. For the Big Horn chapter, after two years of negotiating with the Forest Service had gained approval to begin repair work on High Park and Black Mountain Lookouts. The Powder River Ranger District had received a grant to build a new vault toilet system for Sheep Mountain Lookout. Their ultimate goal is to place this lookout on the rental program. Unfortunately work was delayed due to my serious health issues that keep me from spearheading and participating in these projects. Only one partial workday was achieved at High Park Lookout. We completed fresh caulking of the windows and general cleaning of the cab. The Medicine Bow chapter had scheduled three projects for 2013. Spruce Mountain Lookout, currently on the rental program, was scheduled to be removed from the program in September 2013. It was being turned over to our chapter for minor repairs. The Forest Service postponed those repairs until 2014. Joe Luck and Pat Lynch have been negotiating with the Forest Service to renovate both Blackhall Mtn and Kennaday Lookouts for many months. Their goal was to place these lookouts on the rental program. Kolleen Kralick, Forest Archeologist, engaged Historicorps to perform a condition assessment for each lookout. After receiving the assessments, the Forest Service concentrated efforts on Kennaday Lookout. It was deemed to be quicker to bring up to standards. Grant money was received by the Forest Service for the necessary repairs. Unfortunately the Forest Service postponed this work until 2014.

Goals for 2014:

Move ahead on these postponed projects. Recruit new members.

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