Buck Rock Lookout Staffing Timeline

Observation Platform Lookout 1912-1921 (possibly earlier)


1923 – Lookout with current building in service. Buck McGee first fire watcher. George Foster (related to Foster Apple Legacy in Pinehurst) also staffed the observation only platform placed on top of Buck Rock prior to the building of the lookout cab. Dates unknown. [Information from Ben Charley, Superintendent Horseshoe Hot Shots] Ellis Family photos show family climbing the rock during this time, women donning skirts.

4A Lookout Cab Constructed on top of Buck Rock 1921-22

1923  Buck McGee
1924  Buck McGee
1925  Buck McGee
1926  Buck McGee
1927  Buck McGee
1928  Buck McGee
1929  Walker Parker
1930  Walker Parker
1931  Walker Parker
1932  Walker Parker
1933  Walker Parker
1934  John James Cameron
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1938  John James Cameron
1939  Don Ray
1940  John James Cameron
1941  Arthur Dresser
1942  , Bess Tiller (New stairway built/replaces ladders)
1943  Jess Waller
1944  Leatrice Evinger
1945  Marilyn Norris/Marilyn Hein
1946  Ronald Clothier
1947
1948  Lila Lofberg
1949  Virginia Graham
1950  Florence Rudy
1951  Florence Rudy
1952  Florence Rudy
1953  Oscar Loomis
1954  Oscar Loomis
1955  Oscar Loomis  McGee Fire
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1956    Oscar Loomis
1957    Oscar Loomis
1958    Oscar Loomis or Jim Mori (1959?)
1959    Dale Smithee, Don Overstreet
1960    Dale Smithee
1961    Bud Rotroff
1962    Mr. Osuna
1963    
1964    
1965    
1966    Grace Corlis (P)
1967    Grace Corlis (P) Barbara & Nile Edwards
1968    Grace Corlis (P) Barbara & Nile Edwards
1969    Helen Carter Neidhamer Allen (P) Barbara & Nile Edwards
       Radio Antenna installed G. Curravan
1970    Helen Carter Neidhamer Allen (P) Barbara & Nile Edwards Hume Fire
1971    Helen Carter Neidhamer Allen (P) Paul Neidhamer ( R)
1972    Wendy Townsend (P)
1973    Wendy Townsend (P) Les Grow (R)
1974    Deborah Cheda Milburn (P) Les Grow (R)
1975    Deborah Cheda Milburn (P) Les Grow (R) [Remodeling done by Engine 32]
1976    ? (P) Deborah Cheda Milburn ( R)
1977    Fred Fischer (P) Pierce Fire, Mitchell Peak removed
1978    Jack Sack
1979    Sue Klassen (P)
1980    Carla Funkhouser (P)
1981    Unstaffed
1982    Luther Gordon (P)
1983    Luther Gordon (P)
1984    Luther Gordon (P)
1985    Luther Gordon (P)
1986    Luther Gordon (P) Deer Fire
1987    Kevin Orr (last year of fulltime staffing until 1999)
1988    Emergency use only (Kiki Ferguson, Steve Griffin) Hume Lake Burn
1989    Emergency use only (Kiki Ferguson, Maxine Chittenden)
1990    Emergency use only (Maxine Chittenden)
1991    Emergency use only (Diane Lacey)
1992    Emergency use only (Diane Lacey)
1993    Emergency use only (Sandy Warren)
1994    Sandy Warren (P) Kathy Ball ( R)
1995    Emergency use only (Kathy Ball, Natalie Mirilez)
1996    Emergency use only (Kathy Ball)
1997    Kathy Ball (P) Jeff Monaco (R) Aug-Oct - Choke Fire
1998    Kathy Ball (P) Jeff Monaco (R) During t-storms
1999    Kathy Ball (P) Jeff Monaco, Nathan Baker ( R) “
2000    Kathy Ball (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R)
2001    Kathy Ball (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R) Highway Fire
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*P = Primary Lookout  R = Relief Lookout

Fire watchers who staffed BR, but date is unknown:

- John Merrick (per conversation with Bill Huston son-in-law) at Buck Rock. (1970’s)
- Betsy Murphy (1970’s)
- Charlene Kleinman (1970’s)