



- Dedicated to the preservation of forest fire lookouts in Northwest Montana -

2019 Project Report

**Service Area – Flathead & Kootenai National Forests, Glacier National Park, NWMT
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation**

Fire Lookouts and Support Cabins in our service area:

15	Staffed Fire – 4 by volunteers
12	Rentals
26	Inventory
53	Total Structures

Mount Brown Lookout Project – Glacier National Park

This year's maintenance on Mt Brown Lookout consisted of scraping, painting much of the interior and doing extensive work on all windows inside and out. On three separate occasions volunteer crew members, in total and in part, spent 9 days working in the lookout. During the month of September and October this lookout is used as a [Mount Brown Hawk Watch Program](#) overnight facility.

Apgar Lookout Condition Assessment – Glacier National Park

The Apgar Mountain Lookout assessment took place in June. This assessment was in part a training opportunity for those who choose to help with future assessments.

Swiftcurrent Lookout Condition Assessment – Glacier National Park

Swiftcurrent Lookout is perched at 8436 ft in Glacier National Park. Crew members conducted this assessment and camped one night at the Granite Park Backcountry Campground before hiking to the lookout the next day. Swiftcurrent Lookout is a staffed lookout and is the highest point in the park accessible by trail.

Numa Ridge Lookout Condition Assessment – Glacier National Park

NWMT-FFLA volunteers conducted this assessment. Numa Ridge Lookout is on the west edge of Glacier National Park and overlooks Bowman Lake and much of the North Fork of the Flathead River Valley. Numa Ridge is a staffed lookout.

Mount Wam Lookout -Phase III - Part I - Kootenai National Forest

Wam Lookout is located in the Ten Lakes Wilderness Study Area. 15 days were spent at this lookout doing major restoration work and in the end was boarded up in late September after all of the windows were removed and flown to an offsite location to be restored. NWMT-FFLA volunteer members helped at various stages of this summer's work.

Big Swede Lookout Project - Kootenai National Forest

Big Swede Lookout located on the Libby Ranger District and is a staffed lookout. NWMT-FFLA replaced the roof in early October. The work had to be done when it was not in being staffed so dodging the fall rains and snow flurries became a challenge.

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