

Fall Mountain Lookout



Dry Soda Lookout

FIRE LOOKOUTS

In the 1930s, the Forest Service had a goal to place a fire watch on every mountain top. More than 3,000 men and women in the Northwest spent their summers manning the lookouts during the two decades that followed. During World War II, lookouts were staffed year-round to keep watch for enemy attacks from the air.

Some local lookouts, such as Dry Soda and Frasier lookout, were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps, an organization developed from President Franklin Roosevelt's "New Deal." Young, unmarried men between the ages of 18 and 26 were hired in an effort to renew and restore the nation's natural resources. Among their many duties, constructing fire lookouts was one.

Fondly referred to by many firefighters as their "Eyes in the Sky", fire lookouts still play a critical role in fire suppression on the Malheur National Forest. Their quick response can be the difference between a fire staying small, or becoming the next large fire. If you would like to learn more about the fire lookouts, you can contact your local Forest Service office, or you can stop by for a chat with a fire lookout during fire season. Plan for a few hours, they love to share their knowledge!

LOOKOUTS

North East

Dixie Butte Lookout
Indian Rock Lookout
Desolation Butte Lookout

North West

Black Butte Lookout (occasionally staffed)
Tamarack Lookout
Madison Butte Lookout
Ritter Butte Lookout

South West

Aldrich Mtn. Lookout
Flagtail Lookout
Fall Mountain Lookout
(Not staffed- rentable: Call 541-575-3000)

South East

Dry Soda Lookout
Antelope Lookout
Frazier Point Lookout
(Not staffed, cannot climb tower)

FIRE LOOKOUTS AND GUARD STATIONS

Guard Lookouts

Deer Creek Guard Station Fall Mountain Lookout

From John Day, travel approximately 15.5 miles south on Highway 395. Turn right onto Forest Service Road 4920. Follow Forest Service Road 4920 approximately 5 miles. Turn right on Forest Service Road 607 and continue approximately 1 mile to the lookout. The last mile of road leading to the lookout is very rutted and becomes very muddy during spring, early summer and fall. Higher clearance vehicles are recommended.

Murderers Creek Guard Station Short Creek Guard Station Sunshine Guard Station

Fire Lookouts

Flagtail
Dry Soda
Aldrich Mountain (BLM staffed)
Sugar Loaf
Calamity
King
Antelope
Dixie Butte
Indian Rock
Desolation
Black Butte
Table Rock
Tamarack

List of Lookouts
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