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GRASS MOUNTAIN

Siuslaw National Forest > Polk-Benton District, State Board of Forestry
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April 26, 1934: "Grass mountain, which can be seen from Eugene beyond Prairie mountain in the Coast range, will be used as a fire lookout point and a lookout tower will be erected on the summit this summer, Mr. Shelley said." - "A crew of forest service employes has resumed work on a road started last year by a CCC crew from the Alsea highway to Grass mountain in the Siuslaw national forest according to R.S. Shelley, supervisor of the forest. George P. McClanahan, road superintendent in the forest, left Eugene Thursday morning to look after the work." **(The Eugene Register-Guard)**

May 1, 1934: "In the Waldport district a tower will be erected on Grass mountain." **(The Eugene Register-Guard)**

May 3, 1934: "New lookout houses and towers will be built in the Siuslaw national forest this summer, it is announced by R.S. Shelley, supervisor.

In the Waldport district a tower will be built on Grass mountain and one on Cannibal mountain, both in the vicinity of the Alsea river." **(Morning Oregonian)**

August 15, 1934: "The national forest road leading to the top of Grass mountain in the Alsea district of the Siuslaw national forest is about completed and materials for the fire lookout tower on the peak can now be moved over it. George P. McClanahan, road superintendent in the forest, left Wednesday morning for that section to supervise the completion of the road." **(The Eugene Register-Guard)**

October 5, 1934: "A tower and house on Grass mountain is practically completed." **(The Eugene Register-Guard)**

1934: A lookout tower was constructed. **(Six Twenty-Six)**

July 18, 1935: "Mrs. Norman Sapp and infant son Loren Richard are spending a short time at the Grass Mountain lookout station with Mr. Sapp." **(The Eugene Register-Guard)**

September 17, 1936: Panorama photos taken.

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August 7, 1937: "Two additional lookouts have been established, one on Grass mountain, 3000 foot peak west of Mary's peak where Lloyd Sassman is stationed. The lookouts are working under direction of R. S. Shelley, supervisor of the Siuslaw national forest."

(Corvallis Gazette-Times)

August 30, 1938: "Mr. and Mrs. Loren Mauch went to Grass Mountain lookout station Sunday. They went by way of Harlan. Most of the road was recently made by CCC boys, and is built through the Siuslaw national forest. The elevation of the mountain is 3612 feet and the station is built several hundred feet higher." (Corvallis Gazette-Times)

September 14, 1939: "Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cathcart Jr., are caring for the lookout station on Grass mountain. They took charge Thursday." (Corvallis Gazette-Times)

June 21, 1940: "David Cathcart Jr., has gone to his post at the lookout station on Grass mountain. Mrs. Cathcart plans to join him in a few days." (Corvallis Gazette-Times)

July 8, 1942: "Mr. and Mrs. Devere Taylor are stationed at Grass Mountain lookout." (AWS) (Corvallis Gazette-Times)

August 3, 1942: "Mr. and Mrs. DeVere Taylor expect to return to the Grass mountain lookout station this week after a few days off due to Mr. Taylor becoming ill." (Corvallis Gazette-Times)

May 2, 1946: "The newly organized Polk-Benton District of the State Board of Forestry will occupy and maintain under an agreement Forest Service protective improvements: Such as the Grass Mountain lookout station." (Corvallis Gazette-Times)

1950: "A new tower was erected for the lookout house on Grass Mountain." (Agency Newsletter No. 14)

1951: A 42-foot timber tower with a 14x14 cab was constructed.

1963: A lookout ground cabin was constructed for a cost of \$408.06. The costs were paid from the state restoration fund for the loss of the garage at the site during the October 12, 1962 wind storm.



1969: The lookout was removed.



National Geodetic Survey

DESIGNATION - GRASS MTN LOT
PID - QE2285
STATE/COUNTY- OR/BENTON
COUNTRY - US
USGS QUAD - GRASS MTN (1984)

STATION DESCRIPTION

DESCRIBED BY COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY 1937 (LAM)
THIS INTERSECTED POSITION IS THAT OF GRASS MOUNTAIN, ELEVATION ABOUT 3,612 FEET, SITUATED ABOUT 1 MILE S OF THE BENTON-LINCOLN COUNTY LINE, AND ABOUT 5 MILES, AIRLINE, NW OF ALSEA.

REACHED FROM ALSEA BY DRIVING W ALONG ALSEA HIGHWAY ABOUT 15 MILES TO FALL CREEK, THENCE OVER FOREST ROAD UP FALL CREEK, FOLLOWING SIGNS ABOUT 12 MILES TO SUMMIT.

IN 1936 THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE ESTABLISHED THE POSITION OF THE GRASS MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT TOWER ON THIS SUMMIT AND MARKED IT WITH 'A DISK.

DO NOT CONFUSE WITH GRASS MOUNTAIN (1908).

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