

# FOREST LOOKOUTS

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## PIONEER BUTTE

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**July 24, 1940:** "Construction of a fire lookout tower on Pioneer Butte for protection of the Corvallis watershed area on the east slope of Mary's Peak will start within a few days, Dahl Kirkpatrick, Siuslaw National forest supervisor, announced today.

Forestry officials have been investigating possible locations for the lookout for some time and have finally decided on the Butte, which lies about half way between Rock creek and Woods creek along the old Ridge road to the peak summit.

From this location all the city watershed land and much of the Coast range for a considerable distance both north and south can be observed, Kirkpatrick said.

A 14 by 14 foot house will be constructed atop a 52 foot wooden tower in which a lookout will be stationed at all times.

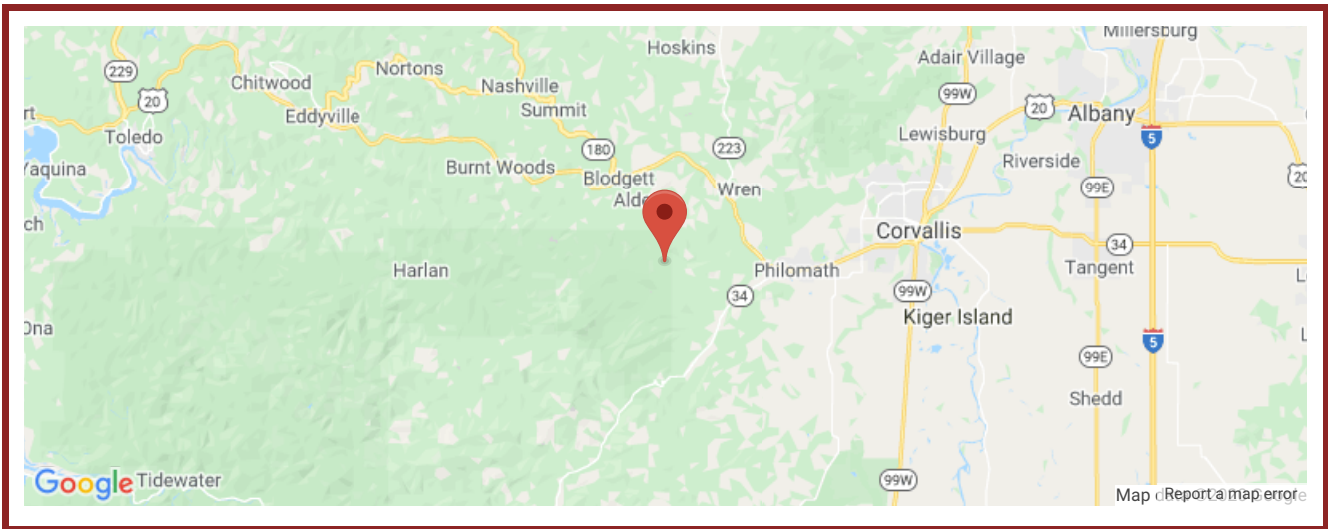
The area at present is being observed from a temporary lookout set up south of the Alsea mountain highway summit, but it is not entirely suitable." **(Corvallis Gazette-Times)**

**September 18, 1940:** "Construction of a lookout on Pioneer butte in the Peak area is just about completed." **(Corvallis Gazette-Times)**

**July 3, 1941:** "The new lookout towers on Alsea mountain and Pioneer Butte in the Peak area are being used for the first time, though lookouts were on duty there last year housed in tents." **(Corvallis Gazette-Times)**



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