

# FOREST LOOKOUTS

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## CINNAMON BUTTE

Umpqua National Forest  
27N-6E-9



**September 14, 1933:** "A 14x14 lookout is to be constructed by the CCC before the snow flies. The 14x14 is the standard size of a primary lookout." **(Roseburg Chieftain)**

**1934:** A 35-foot timber tower with a 14x14 L-4 lookout house completed by the CCC.

**July 21, 1934:** "Mrs. Hubert Willis left recently for Diamond Lake to spend the summer with Mr. Willis who is employed at the lookout on Cinnabar\* Mountain." **(News-Review)** \* Newspaper's error



**August 19, 1936:** Panorama photos taken by James Rittenhouse.

**July 14, 1939:** "There are four lookout stations which can be reached by automobile in this district. Two of them are now manned--Kelsay mountain and Cinnamon Butte, and the fire guards on duty will be glad to show visitors their fire-finders and explain methods of fire detection and suppression." **(The News-Review)**

**July 2, 1946:** "Dr. and Mrs. Paul G. Trueblood and their two daughters, Anne and Susan, have arrived in Roseburg for their summer vacation. Dr. Trueblood, professor of English at Stockton Junior College for the past six years, has accepted an appointment as assistant professor of English in Rollins College, Winter Park, Fla., and will move with his family to Florida in September.

Dr. Trueblood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Trueblood, Roseburg, and his wife, the former Helen Churchill, is the daughter of Mrs F.H. Churchill, Roseburg.

Dr. Trueblood, who has spent recent summer vacations employed as a lookout with the Umpqua National Forest Service, will be stationed during the coming season on Cinnamon Butte lookout, near Diamond Lake." **(The News-Review)**

**July 3, 1957:** "Alan Madson has been assigned to the Cinnamon Butte lookout in the Diamond Lake area." **(The News-Review)**

**July 9, 1957:** "On July 4th, Mr. and Mrs. Sig Madson took supplies and his dog to Alan Madson, who will spend the summer at Cinnamon Butte lookout." **(The News-Review)**

**July 24, 1957:** "Recently Mrs. Sig Madson and her daughters took a group of young people on an outing to see Alan Madson who is stationed at a lookout at Cinnamon Butte." **(The News-Review)**

**June 24, 1958:** "Alan Madson left Sunday to man the lookout at Cinnamon Butte for the Forest Service. This is Alan's second year to Cinnamon Butte." **(The News-Review)**

**July 1, 1958:** "Alan Madson was home to pick up warmer clothing for his work at Cinnamon Butte Lookout." **(The News-Review)**

**August 28, 1958:** "Mrs. Sig Madson and Mrs. Charles Dunn enjoyed the weekend with the former's son, Alan Madson at Cinnamon Butte Lookout." **(The News-Review)**

**September 19, 1958:** "Alan Madson arrived home Thursday from Cinnamon Butte Lookout and left Friday for Linfield College at McMinnville." **(The News-Review)**

**August 25, 1959:** "Mr. and Mrs. Dale Poteet visited with her brother, Allen Madson, at Cinnamon Butte recently, when they returned they brought 11 baby chipmunks to be sold to further Allen's education at Linfield College." **(The News-Review)**

**August 29, 1959:** "Alan Madson, who has been at the Cinnamon Butte Lookout near Diamond Lake for the summer months was released to come home for a few days to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sig Madson." **(The News-Review)**

**June 17, 1960:** "Allan Madson, is at Big Camas for a week working with the Forest Service and will then go to the Cinnamon Butte Lookout at a later date. This is the fourth summer that Allan has had charge of the Cinnamon Butte Lookout." **(The News-Review)**

**June 30, 1961:** "Sig Madson, Kathie Madson and Sharon Meavol went to Cinnamon Butte Lookout to take supplies to Alan Madson. Alan is manning the Forest Service lookout at Cinnamon Butte for the fifth year." **(The News-Review)**

**August 18, 1961:** "Mr. and Mrs. Sig Madson and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Preston spent the weekend visiting the Madson's son, Alan, at Cinnamon Butte Lookout near Diamond Lake." **(The News-Review)**

**September 22, 1961:** "Alan Madson, who has been stationed at the Cinnamon Butte Lookout near Diamond Lake, has completed his fifth summer at the same lookout." **(The News-Review)**

**August 4, 1962:** "Sunrise at Cinnamon Butte Lookout (elevation 6,400 feet above sea level) occurs at the ridiculous hour of 4 a.m. That was one thing that bothered Judy Miller, a city girl, when she and her husband, Darth, took up summer residence in an isolated fire lookout tower deep in the wilderness of the Umpqua National Forest. The Millers were married in Roseburg on June 13. Six days later they moved into Cinnamon Butte where Darth is assigned as fire spotter for the U.S. Forest Service. The Miller honeymoon house on stilts is located in the Diamond Lake Ranger District about six miles northeast of Diamond Lake. Darth, a student at Oregon College of Education majoring in history, is a veteran lookout in the Umpqua service. In two previous fire seasons he manned the Pig Iron Lookout, located in the same ranger district. Mrs. Miller, a 1961 graduate from OCE, was dean of girls and an instructor of ninth grade remedial English at Joseph Lane Junior High School last school year. Darth's college education was delayed by a four year stint in the U.S. Air Force." **(The News-Review)**

**1976:** The lookout from Buster Butte was moved to this site. The result was a 41 foot 3 inch tall timber tower with a 15 foot 9 inch square flat roof R-6 cab.

**1984:** The lookout underwent remodeling, new windows, railings and stairs.

**1985:** The roof of the lookout blown off during a heavy windstorm during the winter of 1985-86.

*The NGS Data Sheet*

**STATION DESCRIPTION**

DESCRIBED BY US FOREST SERVICE 1953 (HSC)  
LOCATED 6 MILES WEST OF THE CASCADE DIVIDE, 5 MILES NORTH OF  
DIAMOND LAKE, 4 FEET WEST OF THE L.O. STEPS AND 6 INCHES NORTHEAST  
OF TOWER LEG.

TO REACH THE STATION FROM THE DIAMOND LAKE GUARD STATION, GO NORTH  
AND EAST ON MAIN TRAVELED ROAD FOR 6.8 MILES TO A SIDE ROAD RIGHT  
AND SIGN CINNAMON BU. L.O., TURN RIGHT AND FOLLOW MAIN TRAVELED  
ROAD FOR 3.9 MILES TO THE CINNAMON BU. L.O. AND MARK AS DESCRIBED.

A TRAVERSE CONNECTION WAS MADE TO TRIANGULATION STATION CINNAMON,  
DISTANCE BEING 45.08 FEET (13.741 METERS) SOUTHEAST OF STATION  
CINNAMON. THE MARK, STAMPED CINNAMON, IS A U.S. DEPT. OF  
AGRI. FOREST SERVICE MARK SET IN A DRILL HOLE IN THE NORTHWEST  
FOUNDATION OF L.O..

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