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## LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

Umpqua National Forest  
26S-1E-31



September 2008 - Ron Kemmow photo - the blocks nearest from tower the rocks to the rear from D-6



**1924:** A D-6 cupola lookout constructed.



August 14, 1933: Panorama photos

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**November 26, 1936:** "Harry Willis, veteran lookout on Lookout mountain, in the North Umpqua district, has been returned to his station for further duty." (**Roseburg News-Review**)

**1949:** A 30-foot timber tower with an L-4 cab constructed

**August 4, 1962:** "Carl Varner is the non-collegiate in the group. A carpenter by trade he farmed at one time. His son serves with the Okanogan Smokejumpers." (**The News-Review**)

**July 5, 1972:** "We inspected Lookout Mountain lookout today. We have been using this as an emergency lookout to utilize it for this purpose if the R-2 predicted had developed differently.

This structure is in need of major repair and safety work if we are to continue its existence:

1. The lightning protection web was never completed to satisfactorily ground the net. (Or if it was, the material was later removed)

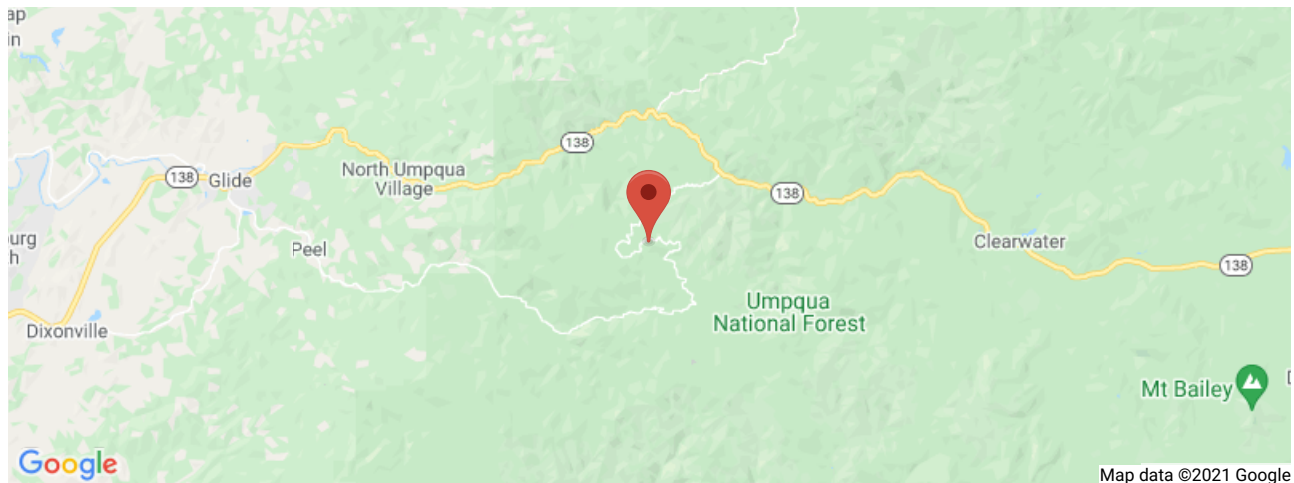
We estimate about \$800 - \$1000 to bring the lightning protection up to standard.

2. The house needs to be completely scraped and painted. We estimate the cost of this at \$200 - \$350.
3. The stairway needs wire enclosure to meet standards.

Over all, we estimate from \$1000 to \$1500 to bring the lookout up to standard. Our use of the structure over the past several years has averaged about 4 days per season. In view of this high cost to bring the lookout to standard and its relatively insignificant use, it would appear that it should be abandoned completely and the structure disposed of.

Unless you can foresee future use for justifying its repair, we will proceed to clear it from our records and dispose of the structure." (**Letter to Forest Supervisor, Umpqua from District Ranger, Glide**)

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