

FOREST LOOKOUTS

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EUCHRE MOUNTAIN

Lincoln County FPA
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1935: "I have recommended for the past two years that a trail be built up Euchre Creek but we have been short of funds and unable to build." (**Lincoln FPA Annual Report**)

1936: "A site was secured for a station on Euchre Mountain, but no construction work was done on account of funds not being available." (**Lincoln FPA Annual Report**)

1938: "Erected on Euchre Mountain a lookout tower with steel ladder and 6 x 6 cage, constructed one mile of horse trail to connect said lookout.

Cost of tower on Euchre Mountain was a total of \$352.00 for the 100 foot tree lookout.

Tent floor for Euchre Mountain Lookout cost \$6.00, labor done by CCC." (**Lincoln FPA Annual Report**)

March 13, 1941: "When not on fire fighting duty, the CCC side camp here is scheduled to complete the inter-lookout fire patrol telephone system, complete the lookout station on Euchre mountain in the Siletz area and maintain other fire patrol projects." (**Corvallis Gazette-Times**)

April 1941: "Plans are underway at the present time to complete a 100-foot lookout tower on Euchre Mountain in Lincoln County by the first of fire season. Timbers for the tower are being cut by the Reehers CCC Camp. One of the State bulldozers will be put on the job to construct a rough road to the summit, a distance of about a mile from the end of the present road. The lookout material will be dragged to the summit on a sled." (**Forest Log**)

July 1941: "One of the State Forestry Department maintenance crews, working in cooperation with the Lincoln County Fire Patrol Association, is busy constructing a truck trail to the summit of Euchre mountain, one of the primary lookouts of the association.

Approximately a mile of road construction will be completed in a short time. For the past several years the association has used a tree as a lookout but it is now in an advanced stage of decay and is no longer safe to climb. The new lookout, which is to be a 100-foot tower, is being turned out by the Reehers CCC camp." (**The Forest Log**)

August 1941: "The new 100-foot lookout tower that is to be constructed on the summit of Euchre mountain in Lincoln county has

been hauled to the site and is ready to be assembled. Timbers for the tower were sawed at the CCC mill at Camp Reehers and transported to within a mile of the summit of the mountain by trucks from that camp. From that point it was pulled to the top by one of the state caterpillars over a road that was hastily constructed for that purpose. The CCC organization is having difficulties at the present time in assigning carpenters or enrollees to the job. In case this situation is not relieved it is planned to complete the work by the association in time to use the tower next summer." **(The Forest Log)**

1941: "A low grade truck trail was constructed from Werner Timber Company's logging road to the top of Euchre Mountain, approximately a distance of one and one-eighth miles. This gave us an opportunity last summer to secure a 100 foot lookout tower with 7 x 7 cabin on top to replace our old tree, now unsafe to use, which tower and material was all made and furnished by CCC Camp Reehers. Gravel and sand is on ground ready for use. The tower will be erected before the coming fire season." **(Lincoln FPA Annual Report)**



Activated: April 1, 1942. Eugene Filter Center.

1942: "Constructed one 16 x 16 ground cabin living quarters, also, erected the 100 foot tower with a 7 x 7 cabin on top. The living quarters paid out of AWS funds, the tower construction, a co-op between the Association and AWS." **(Lincoln FPA Annual Report)**

1943: A woodshed was constructed. **(Lincoln FPA Annual Report)**

1951: "On April 11, Euchre Mountain Lookout was manned for emergency fire detection, and on April 25, a permanent man took over lookout station duties. It was in operation until September 29." **(Lincoln FPA Annual Report)**

1954: Lightning arrestor installed on Euchre Mountain Lookout. **(Lincoln FPA Annual Report)**

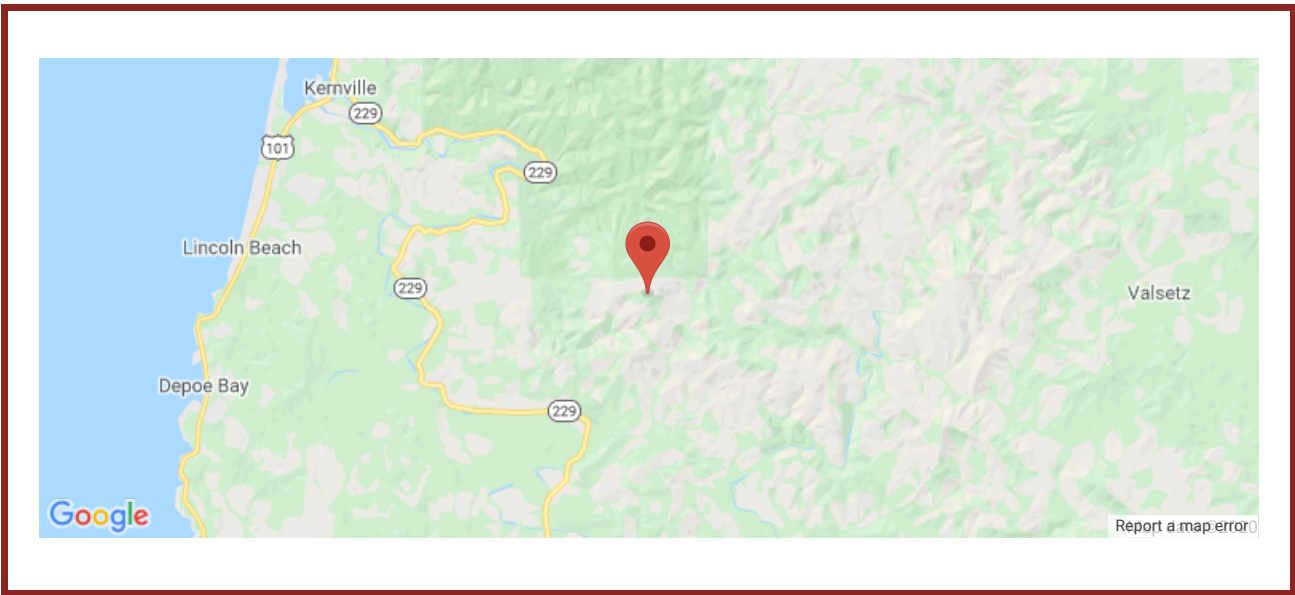
1956: "The buildings maintained and painted were Euchre Mountain Lookout living quarters and tower cabin." **(Lincoln FPA Annual Report)**

1959: "At Euchre Mountain Lookout, the roof on the ground cabin was replaced and the cabin painted. The floor in the tower cabin was replaced and the catwalk repaired. Galvanized steel sheet material was installed under the windows to keep the moisture out, then painter. New 4" x 5" steel galvanized washers were installed on the tower braces to give more support and strength to the tower." **(Lincoln FPA Annual Report)**

1965: A lookout tower was constructed. Cost of this construction totaled \$1067.58.

1966: The lookout made three first discoveries this season.

January 28, 1971: "Recent high winds apparently were too much for the lookout tower atop Euchre Mountain, north of Siletz. The tower, which gained national fame when authoress Marcella Coy wrote of her experiences as a 'fire lady' there, was used during summer months by the West Oregon Forestry Department. Mrs. Coy's book was serialized several years ago in the Reader's Digest as, 'Fire Lady of Lookout Mountain.'" **(Lincoln County Leader)**



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