

Buck Rock Lookout Staffing Timeline

Observation Platform Lookout 1912-1921 (possibly earlier)

1921-1922 – Building construction. Builder Art Bradford. Don Cecil (of Cecil Pack Station) fire watcher/smoke chaser.

1923 – Lookout with current building in service. Buck McGee first fire watcher. George Foster (related to Foster Apple Legacy in Pinehurst) also staffed the observation only platform placed on top of Buck Rock prior to the building of the lookout cab. Dates unknown. [Information from Ben Charley, Superintendent Horseshoe Hot Shots] Ellis Family photos show family climbing the rock during this time, women donning skirts.

4A Lookout Cab Constructed on top of Buck Rock 1921-22

1923	Buck McGee
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1929	Walker Parker
1930	Walker Parker
1931	Walker Parker
1932	Walker Parker
1933	Walker Parker
1934	John James Cameron
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1938	John James Cameron
1939	Don Ray
1940	John James Cameron
1941	Arthur Dresser
1942	?, Bess Tiller (<i>New stairway built/replaces ladders</i>)
1943	Jess Waller
1944	Leatrice Evinger
1945	Marilyn Norris/Marilyn Hein
1946	Ronald Clothier
1947	
1948	Lila Lofberg
1949	Virginia Graham
1950	Florence Rudy
1951	Florence Rudy
1952	Florence Rudy
1953	Oscar Loomis
1954	Oscar Loomis
1955	Oscar Loomis

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1956	Oscar Loomis
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1958	Oscar Loomis or Jim Mori (1959?)
1959	Dale Smithee, Don Overstreet
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1961	Bud Rotroff
1962	Mr. Osuna
1963	
1964	
1965	
1966	Grace Corlis (P)
1967	Grace Corlis (P) Barbara & Nile Edwards
1968	Grace Corlis (P) Barbara & Nile Edwards
1969	Helen Carter Neidhamer Allen (P) Barbara & Nile Edwards <i>Radio Antenna installed G. Curravan</i>
1970	Helen Carter Neidhamer Allen (P) Barbara & Nile Edwards <i>Hume Fire</i>
1971	Helen Carter Neidhamer Allen (P) Paul Neidhamer (R)
1972	Wendy Townsend (P)
1973	Wendy Townsend (P) Les Grow (R)
1974	Deborah Cheda Milburn (P) Les Grow (R)
1975	Deborah Cheda Milburn (P) Les Grow (R) [<i>Remodeling done by Engine 32</i>]
1976	? (P) Deborah Cheda Milburn (R)
1977	Fred Fischer (P) <i>Pierce Fire, Mitchell Peak removed</i>
1978	Jack Sack
1979	Sue Klassen (P)
1980	Carla Funkhouser (P)
1981	Unstaffed
1982	Luther Gordon (P)
1983	Luther Gordon (P)
1984	Luther Gordon (P)
1985	Luther Gordon (P)
1986	Luther Gordon (P) <i>Deer Fire</i>
1987	Kevin Orr (<i>last year of fulltime staffing until 1999</i>)
1988	Emergency use only (Kiki Ferguson, Steve Griffin) <i>Hume Lake Burn</i>
1989	Emergency use only (Kiki Ferguson, Maxine Chittenden)
1990	Emergency use only (Maxine Chittenden)
1991	Emergency use only (Diane Lacey)
1992	Emergency use only (Diane Lacey)
1993	Emergency use only (Sandy Warren)
1994	Sandy Warren (P) Kathy Ball (R)
1995	Emergency use only (Kathy Ball, Natalie Mirilez)
1996	Emergency use only (Kathy Ball)
1997	Kathy Ball (P) Jeff Monaco (R) <i>Aug-Oct - Choke Fire</i>
1998	Kathy Ball (P) Jeff Monaco (R) <i>During t-storms</i>
1999	Kathy Ball (P) Jeff Monaco, Nathan Baker (R) “
2000	Kathy Ball (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R)
2001	Kathy Ball (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R) <i>Highway Fire</i>

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2002	Kathy Ball (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R)
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2004	Kathy Ball (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R)
2005	Kathy Ball (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R) <i>Comb Fire</i>
2006	Kathy Ball (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R) <i>Pond WFU</i>
2007	Kathy Ball Allison (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R)
2008	Kathy Ball Allison (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R)
2009	Kathy Ball Allison (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R) <i>Tehipite Fire</i>
2010	Kathy Ball Allison (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R) <i>Sheep Fire</i>
2011	Kathy Ball Allison (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R)
2012	Kathy B. Allison (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R) <i>BR Rehab</i>
2013	Kathy B. Allison (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R) <i>BR Rehab</i>
2014	Kathy B. Allison (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R)
2015	Kathy B. Allison (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R) <i>Rough Fire</i>
2016	Michigian (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R)
2017	Michigian (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R)
2018	Michigian (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R)
2019	Michigian (P) BRF Volunteer Group (R)

P = Primary Lookout R = Relief Lookout

Fire watchers who staffed BR, but date is unknown:

John Merrick (per conversation with Bill Huston son-in-law) at Buck Rock. (1970's)
Betsy Murphy (1970's)
Charlene Kleinman (1970's)