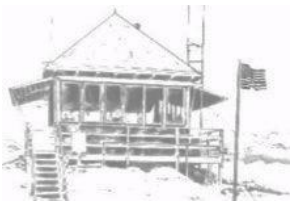

Buck Rock Foundation
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FACT SHEET

Organizational Status: 501 (c) 3 Nonprofit corporation established 1999. EIN 77-0501260

Mission: Serving the community and public lands by preserving fire lookouts and other historic facilities for the purpose of fire detection, education, interpretation and historic preservation. Our vision is to create an atmosphere where the concept of stewardship of our conservation heritage can flourish with children and adults from all walks of life.

Area of Operation: The central and southern Sierra Nevada mountain and foothill communities of Fresno, Tulare and Kern counties.

Area Fire Lookouts:

- We operate three fire lookouts in the Kings River Watershed: Buck Rock, Delilah and Park Ridge
- We support: *Sequoia NF* - Bald Mt, Breckenridge, Tobias, The Needles, Mule Peak, Jordan, Baker Point; *Sierra NF* – Fence Meadow, Mt. Tom, Bald Mtn, Signal Peak, Miami, Shuteye, *SEKI* – Milk Ranch *State*- Blue Ridge, Bear Mountain, Shadequarter.

Government Agencies Served: Giant Sequoia National Monument, Sequoia National Forest, Kings Canyon National Park, Sequoia National Park, Sierra National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, CAL-Fire, Tulare County, Fresno County and other local county fire departments.

Public Outreach: We provide interpretation and information to over 6,000 people annually from all over the world who visit our staffed lookout including tourists, hikers, Back Country Horseman groups, campers, youth groups from local summer camps, school field trips, and people from the local communities. *Special Events*: We host the Buck Rock Open House and Blessing of the Rock annually with over 500 participants attending. We have participated in the Celebrate the Sequoias Festival, Bioregions Festival, Whiskey Flat Days, Squaw Valley Arts and Crafts Fair, Mariposa County Fair, Fresno County Fair, Squaw Valley Rodeo and Sunset at Buck Rock naturalist talks. We publish the Buck Rock Foundation quarterly newsletter, our website – www.buckrock.org., on Facebook at "LookoutsRUs" and featured in the National Geographic's Geotourism Mapguide

Programs:

- Volunteer Lookout Program – Volunteers staff three fire towers for two agencies in the Kings River Watershed during fire season providing fire detection and public relations.
- Lookout Training Program – We organize, coordinate and teach a comprehensive lookout training program for volunteers and seasonal fire lookouts.
- Restoration Projects – We facilitate, coordinate, fund-raise and supply volunteers and materials for preservation of historic lookouts and guard stations. Projects include: *Lookouts* - Needles. Bald Mtn, Buck Rock, Delilah, Fence Meadow, Mt. Tom, Hi Mountain, Blue Ridge. *Guard Stations* – Beach Meadow, Cannell Meadow, Big Meadows.
- Youth Conservation Education – "More Kids in the Woods" programs in partnership with Lindsay Unified and Sequoia National Forest; Informal programs to local youth camps including Pythian, Bearkskin Diabetic Camp, Sequoia YMCA, Hume Lake Christian Camp, Kids Wellness Adventure Camp, Wonder Valley River Ranch, G.R.E.A.T. Camp, Lincoln and Roosevelt Elementary Leadership Academies.

Recognition: U.S. Forest Service Region 5 "Partner of the Year" Award 2004, SQF "Partner's in Time" Certificate of Recognition 2010, FFLA "Doug Newman Award" excellence in lookout preservation, GSNMA Volunteer Organization in Education award 2011.

Media: *Featured on the PBS program* "California's Gold" with Huell Howser, *Magazines and Quarterlies:* "Marie Claire", "Sierra Heritage", "Discover", "The Dogtown Quarterly." Newspapers: The Los Angeles Times, The Sacramento Bee, The Fresno Bee, San Diego Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle, Visalia Times, Delta, Bakersfield Californian, Sierra Messenger, Kaweah Commonwealth, Reedley Exponent.

Affiliations: Tulare County Historical Society, Forest Fire Lookout Association, National Woodlands Association, US Forest Service, National Park Service, Big Meadows Association, Lindsay Unified School District, Central California Chamber of Commerce, Oak to Timberline Fire Safe Council, Southern Sierra Climbers Association, Angeles National Forest Association, San Bernardino National Forest Association, Giant Sequoia National Monument Association, Three Forest Interpretive Association, High Sierra Volunteer Trail Crew.

Governance: 8 member Board of Directors; all volunteer organization.

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