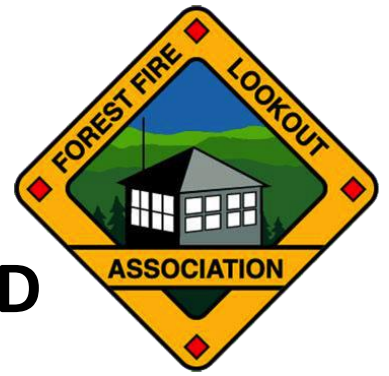




VOLUNTEER FIRE LOOKOUTS WANTED

Chews Ridge Lookout



California's wildfires appear to be getting larger and more destructive each year. Early detection of smokes in unpopulated or lightly-populated areas can sometimes give firefighters the opportunity to stop them while still small. The Los Padres National Forest and the all-volunteer Forest Fire Lookout Association will be re-activating the Chews Ridge Lookout Tower in order to provide early smoke detection.

Chews Ridge is located in the Los Padres National Forest about 50 miles southeast of Monterey and 30 miles west of Highway 101 off of Carmel Valley Road.

The Forest Fire Lookout Association, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service will train volunteers to spot the smoke from young fires and radio their locations into forest dispatchers, among other duties. Volunteers will generally be assigned in pairs to 8-hour shifts from 10am to 6pm. They are asked to work at least one shift per month.

If you are interested in helping first responders and your community, while spending time amidst spectacular views of the backcountry, more information is at FireLookoutHost.org. Click on the CHEWS RIDGE PROJECT button.

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