



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

The San Diego-Riverside chapter continued to operate two restored lookout towers on Palomar Mountain in 2021. High Point Lookout (Register#735) is owned by the Cleveland National Forest, and Boucher Hill Lookout (Register #394) is owned by the California State Department of Parks and Recreation. The chapter deployed approximately 70 volunteer lookouts to staff each tower. The towers opened for the season on 5/1/21 and closed on 12/12/21.

This was the second fire season in a row which saw the chapter not recruit new staff due to logistical issues caused by Covid. Covid protocols were adopted in 2020 and carried through for the 2021 season. Boucher Hill once again accepted visitors into the cab while maintaining California State Parks Covid requirements.

Below are the fire statistics for both towers for 2021.

Statistics	High Point	Boucher Hill
Formal Smoke Reported	15	25
Info Only Smoke Reported	7	33
Lightning Strikes Reported	68	7
Visitors	1788	12,299
Days Staffed	223	225

Membership:

As of 12/31/2021 We have 70 active members. The numbers are down on previous years due to restrictions in recruiting during Covid. In person training of new volunteer lookouts is due to commence in April for the 2022 season.

In 2021 we lost Ramon Thomas to illness. Ramon was a founding member of the chapter, and the original tower leader for Boucher Hill. He was recognized for his outstanding and unwavering support of the chapter. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him.

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