

COASTAL HILLS COMMUNITY BULLETIN

POLE MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT NOW OPEN!

I am very happy to announce that Pole Mountain Lookout is now open! With an estimated 1 million dead Tan Oaks, a warming climate and fire conditions not seen since the Lookout was first established, we are hoping to expand our services now. We have plans for a new, sleek steel framed lookout that is getting engineering stamps and permits for a May 2019 build to be in place next year!

We are currently testing four Smoke detecting cameras with NIR that pick up heat and images in the dark as well as a standard WebCam. We will also be part of the new AlertNorthbay camera system being deployed at Lake Sonoma. These cameras are part of the University of Nevada Reno AlertWildfire.org system and depends on humans to monitor visible smoke/fire. We are very excited to work with them and hope to have an additional Alert wildfire camera on Mohrhardt Ridge and maybe Meyers Grade. We will have a crowd source of eyes locally as well as a feed via the fiber to St. Helena/CalFire Dispatch for monitoring.

The Lookout has a radio on Murs 5 and all MURS channels available to communicate directly with the community. MURS radios can be purchased off the shelf and the channels can be programed on most radios. You can also call the lookout at 707-632-4143.

If you are in a position to help, we really need donations to cover all the re-start up expenses and expansion of our services. We are a California Non-Profit public benefit corporation and your donations may be tax deductible. We are working with Forest Fire Lookout Association <FFLA.org> for 501c3 funding.

Please Make checks payable to:

FFLA/Pole Mountain Lookout Fund
PO Box 141
Cazadero, CA 95421

SmokeD Cameras:

<http://web.smokedsystem.com/#/alerts/cameras>

Login SmokeD@PoleMountainLookout.org

PW polemountain

Click on the white lines on left and go to "Live Views"

Pole Mountain Lookout:

Live snap shot, no login <http://65.49.13.98/snap.jpeg>

Weather Station:

<http://www.weatherlink.com/user/polemountain/index.php?view=main&headers=1>

<https://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KCAJENNE6>

Thank you for your support!

Your New Pole Mountain Lookout Board:

John Lester, Damian Boune, Wendy Strand, Dr. Robert Moll, Marshall Turbeville, Steve Baxman, Daniel Rubin, Tom Bourret, Tom Toedter, Sam Woodworth & Don Strand

~Submitted by John Lester at <jlester@PoleMountainLookout.org>