



FOREST LOOKOUT

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CLASS CONCEPT

FOREST LOOKOUT use binoculars and visual observation to constantly observe the surrounding area for signs of wildfire. Determine azimuth and distance with Osborne fire finder and maps to plot location to nearest ¼ sections. Report locations and characteristics to dispatch. Use portable and mobile radios. Monitor two way radio communications. Record information in radio log, monitor lightning storms, reporting direction and distance of thunder cells. Record downstrikes for follow-up detection and possible action. Collect and report daily weather observations including: temperature, relative humidity, storm activity, state of the weather, and precipitation to dispatch office. Coordinate fire detection with other lookouts, aircraft, and other personnel.

Act as communication relay where radio transmissions are difficult, between field personnel and dispatch. Provide updates on smoke characteristics to fire managers. Report suspicious activity related to fire.

Complete building safety checklist and submits to supervisor. Report all safety hazards, damage, and unsafe conditions to supervisor. Report suspected violations of fire prevention restrictions.

Complete daily maintenance and housekeeping of lookout facility to maintain a positive public image.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES

Forest Lookout - This is a single classification not currently part of a series.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS

Forest Lookout - are not established for this classification. The appointing authority is responsible for recruitment and selection. Refer to Personnel Rule 105-40-060.

SKILLS

- Inspect equipment, structures, or materials to identify the cause of errors or other problems or defects.
- Provide information to members of the public, supervisors, co-workers, and subordinates by telephone, radio, in written form or in person.
- Analyze information and evaluate results to choose the best solution and solve problems.
- Observe, receive, and otherwise obtain information from all relevant sources.
- Monitor and review information from materials, events, or the environment, to detect or assess problems.

DISTINGUISHING FEATURE FROM SIMILAR SERIES

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