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Fire Watch – Volunteering in a Room With A View

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live on a mountaintop, alone with the weather and wildlife and your own thoughts? Romantic images of famous writers such as Jack Kerouac and Edward Abbey come to mind. Both were fire lookouts.

Although fewer and fewer fire lookout towers remain standing, many still serve a vital public safety function and are staffed by a dedicated and hardy group of people. Some lookouts have been restored as recreation rentals allowing visitors a unique camping experience, while others have simply been left to the elements. Regardless of their use, these lonely towers still inspire the wonder and awe of an era gone by.

The Buck Rock Foundation, a local grass-roots non-profit organization, is dedicated to the preservation of fire lookouts in the Central and Southern Sierra mountains and foothills. Founders were motivated by the neglect and abandonment of many of our local remaining lookouts including Buck Rock (the namesake of the Foundation), Bear Mountain and Park Ridge. Goals of the association include preserving fire lookouts through historic restoration and maintenance, and staffing lookouts for fire detection, interpretation and for educational purposes.

We believe that the best use of fire lookouts is the traditional one – staffing lookouts to look for fires. Fire lookouts are by design, the eyes and the ears of the forest. If a fire lookout is staffed, a fire watcher can quickly spot a fire then quickly and accurately report that fire. The faster that fire is spotted and reported, the quicker resources like fire fighters and fire engines can respond. The quicker those resources respond, the smaller the fire will likely be. The bottom line? A quick report of a fire can mean the difference between a large, catastrophic fire or a small, inconsequential one.

Would you be interested in becoming a volunteer fire lookout?

Do you love nature and solitude, have an adventurous spirit and like the idea of providing a service to your community and public lands? Well, if so then volunteering as a fire watcher may be for you. The Buck Rock Foundation provides a volunteer lookout program which assists in the staffing of three fire lookouts in the Sequoia/Kings Canyon area: Delilah, Park Ridge and Buck Rock. Not only do these lookouts have magnificent views of the High Sierra and giant sequoia groves, but they also look into all of our local designated wildfire “Communities at Risk” - Squaw Valley, Dunlap, Wonder Valley, Piedra, Hartland, Miramonte/Pinehurst, Badger, Wilsonia, and Hume Lake. The pay is lousy, the food depends on what kind of cook you are, exercise can not be avoided and the weather unpredictable. But, the views are incredible, the excitement is unparalleled, and how often do you get a chance to do something this unusual and so important? This is a unique opportunity to give back to your community while getting away from it all. Ours is a small, devoted group of people from all walks-of-life with a common interest in maps, weather, wilderness, and “high” adventure. Volunteer opportunities exist for as many or as few days as you are willing to give.

Our next volunteer training will be held in the spring of 2011.

Other volunteer opportunities with the Buck Rock Foundation; Besides staffing fire lookouts, additional volunteers are needed to help with facilities maintenance and restoration, interpretation, fund raising, grant writing and educational programs.

For further information, visit our website at: www.buckrock.org. We're also online at Facebook: “Lookouts R Us” and our blog: <http://lookoutsrus.blogspot.com/>



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~ \$125,000 ~ Sand Creek ~ 2.5 Acres ~ 1344 s. f. ~ Great Condition ~ Bonus Room

Nice home in move-in condition manufactured home has living area with vaulted ceilings, wood laminate flooring and peaceful view of the regional foothills. Extra den or hobby room with wood-burning stove. Home site has private setting with large trees, useable land, paved access drive and the lot is fenced and cross fenced & suitable for horses. Extras include covered patios over concrete flat flat-work, spa, two sheds and more.

~ \$158,900 ~ Sassafras ~ 5 Acres ~ 1648 s. f. ~ Large Living Room with Vaulted Ceilings

Enjoy a peaceful setting with this 3 Bedroom home located on a quiet and clean street in the foothills of Squaw Valley. This is a 5 acre hillside lot with plenty of yard area where you can spend your evenings sitting on the covered deck that overlooks views of local foothills and mountains. The living room is very spacious with vaulted ceilings, fireplace, and open to the dining area. The kitchen has newer appliances, refrigerator, and tile counter-tops. A bonus room can be used as an office, exercise room, or other options. This is NOT a short-sale or banked owned! With full price offer seller will pay up to \$5,000 of the Buyer's closing cost or may go towards a carpet allowance.

~ \$168,000 ~ High Oaks ~ 4.4 ~ 1716 s. f. ~ 4 Bedrooms ~ 30 GPM Well

Private and peaceful living in a well kept 4/2 1994 manufactured Home boasting vaulted ceilings, open floor plan, and lots of storage. Located on 4.45 usable acres in upper Squaw Valley. Well log shows 30 GPM. The property is studded with towering trees, including Oak, Bay, Buckeye and more. The property is fenced and cross fenced. Sit on the spacious front porch and enjoy the breeze and local mountain views. Great horse property!

~ \$199,900 ~ Longview ~ 4.7 Acres ~ 2497 s. f. ~ A Great Value at ONLY \$80 a Square Foot

Outstanding usable lot & potential for horse set-up. 3/2 home features a living room with fireplace, family room with fireplace, Large Dining room, country kitchen with tile counters, breakfast bar, walk-in pantry and new Oven. Large inside Laundry room, new 40 gal water heater, covered patio and attached 2 car garage with auto opener. There is a detached 2 car garage (20' X 23') and storage shed (11' X 13'). There are some mature walnut and pecan trees plus the majestic Oaks. Lots of possibilities for this property.

~ \$249,000 ~ Ruth Hill ~ 1.5 Acres ~ 2152 s. f. ~ Access to Mill Creek

Custom 4/3, ready to move in and start enjoying mountain living at it's finest. This home is a gem boasting vaulted pine ceiling, oak cabinets, tile counter tops and showers, Jacuzzi tub, laminate wood flooring, fans, custom wiring, huge covered porches, and more. The outside is ready to go with 5 stall partial covered steel stalls, tack room/hay shed, raised garden beds, chicken coop, wood shed, large patio, usable ground with low maintenance. The best part is access to Mill Creek. Adjacent 110 acres also available. Don't pass this one up!

~ \$269,000 ~ Bronco ~ 4.9 Acres ~ 2205 s. f. ~ Looks Like a Model Home with ALL the Upgrades!

3 bedroom 2.5 baths home with abundant charm, plus media room. You will find current decor with tasteful colors, tile flooring with aggregate accents, and upgraded light fixtures throughout the home. The open floor plan has a kitchen with granite counter tops and upgraded tile work. The dining area adjoins the living room and family room opening to the media room, that could serve as a fourth bedroom or office. You will have plenty of storage space with all the walk-in closets and the windows provide a nice lighted atmosphere. Step outside to a park-like setting with landscape completed, sprinkler system on timers, many different sitting areas, and great view of the mountains. Truly ready to just move-in and ENJOY this inside and out! The front half of the property is fenced and the back half of the property is very useable and would make good potential horse set-up. Tour this property to appreciate fully.

~ \$279,000 ~ George Smith/Puma ~ 4.4 Acres ~ 2373 s. f. ~ Shop ~ Landscaped ~ Great Location

Spacious well maintained home, 4/3, 2373 sq. ft.. Desirable location close to Hwy 180. Living, family room, plus formal dining with a built-in buffet. Open kitchen, bar, and breakfast area. Large laundry, pantry cabinets and room for a 2nd refrigerator or freezer, along with a 3rd bath with a shower. The large master bedroom has his & her closets, sliding doors to a private wood deck. Three covered decks add to the charm of this home. 7500 watt generator will operate half of the home in the event of a power outage. Attached two car garage plus a detached two car garage/shop, plus a pump house, storage shed with cement foundation, quality pump house with a 2500 gallon water storage tank adjacent. The immediate yard area is fully fenced, together with a garden plot. Numerous varieties of fruit and nut trees accent the landscaping. The property has potential for a horse set-up with mostly all usable land. Too many features to mention come tour the property to appreciate!

~ \$399,000 ~ Wilderness Dr. ~ 2879 s. f. ~ Located in the Prestigious Wildwood Island Estates

Gorgeous custom home situated on a peaceful setting in Wildwood Island off Hwy 180 and Piedra. Trees and more surround this home with a park like setting for your backyard, which is backed by the Kings River. This 2879 square foot home offers 4 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms with new sinks, faucets, tub and Italian tile in each bathroom. The kitchen has Italian tile and new appliances. New paint throughout the home. Aggregate pool and spa with mature landscaping, and RV parking. Storage will stay with sale of property. Sold in As-Is-Condition.

~ Hwy 180 / Alta Ave ~ Home ~ Business ~ 77 Acres ~ Great Potential Property

77 Acres plus Much More. Beautiful custom home built in 2007, 3 bedroom 3 bath, with office and game room, with approx 3,100 s. f. Property includes 1,200 s. f. commercial building used as a feed store, a hay barn approx 32'x38', plus a horse barn which is 42'x54'. Crop Land includes 40 acres of alfalfa, 7 acres of Bermuda grass hay, 10 acres of sweet corn. Two wells with 5 hp and 7.5 hp pumps. Property is in the Ag Preserve (Williamson Act.) Call agent for list of equipment included with sale. Property is located in the Orange Cove Irrigation District. Property is sold AS-IS. Seller will consider all reasonable offers. Agent is related to Seller. APN's 185-061-47, 48, 15. Feed store is on 1.6 acres of the 77 acres.

~ \$300,000 ~ Ruth Hill ~ Land ~ 110 Acres ~ Full Mill Creek Access ~ Gem of a Property!

Stunning 110 acre ranch property on Mill Creek with full creek access. Improved with fencing, access roads, and 2 wells. ADJACENT TO BLM LAND. This is an excellent opportunity if you have been looking for a large piece to own. The land is gentle to sloping, making it ideal for horses, cattle, or recreation. The property is covered in tall grass, various native trees and lush vegetation along the creek. The creek has many nice areas for recreation, and often has water all summer. Adjacent 4/3 home on 1.5 ac also available.

~ \$110,000 ~ Muscat ~ Reedley ~ 2.1 Acre Building Site

Country home site across from Navelencia School. District water on site. Farmable land zoned for home, horses, animals, and ag uses. great location to build your dream home.

~ \$95,000 ~ Primrose ~ 24 Acres ~ Land

Private and peaceful setting at the end of a cul-de-sac. Panoramic views in all directions from the hill top, with plentiful oaks and Manzanita trees. Abundant usable land for the home-site and out-buildings. Great exposure to the southern sky for solar energy.

5 Acre Land Parcels

\$25,000 - 4.8 Acre Lot on Chuckwagon

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\$59,900 - 5.6 Acre Lot on Puma

\$49,900 - 5. Acre Lot on Knollglen with 2 Seasonal Creeks

\$55,000 - 5.4 Acre Lot on Iris with Pad

\$57,000 - 4.8 Acre Lot on Rustic with 2 Pads and Well

\$60,000 - 5.0 Acre Lot on Feather with 3 Pads and Well

\$62,000 - 4.5 Acre Lot on Chuckwagon with Pad and Well

\$69,000 - 4.5 Acre Lot on George Smith with 2 Pads, Well, and Septic

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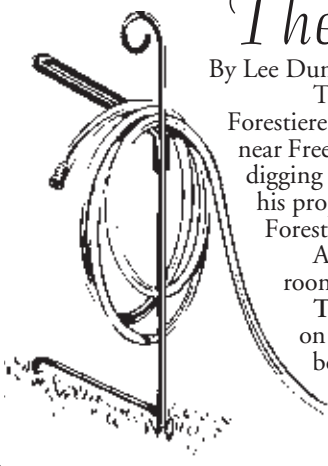
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The Four Seasons Garden Club

By Lee Duncan



The Garden Club field trip to Forestiere Underground Garden in Fresno was an amazing experience. Mr. Forestiere came from Italy planning to grow a citrus orchard. He bought 20 acres on what is now Shaw Avenue near Freeway 99 and discovered hardpan. After living in a shack on his property during a Fresno summer he began digging a "cellar" to keep cool. He spent his next 40 years digging underground rooms under about 10 acres of his property. Our group of 11 was able to view about 2 1/2 acres of these rooms –some just newly opened. The Forestiere family plans to open additional rooms in the future. It is well worth going to see.

After that tour we lunched at the Sweet Tomato and had a tour of Pacific Seed and Grain and the Mushroom Farm. This was a very nice outing.

There will be no regular meeting in July and August. We are preparing for the big Craft & Arts Fair on October 2 at the Nature Trail. Vendors need to call Donna Bushard at 338 2025 for reservation of a booth.

Happy Gardening.
Four Seasons Garden Club

gardenclub@mountainvalleygazette.com

Mountain Rodeo Association

There is a general meeting every **4th Tuesday** of the month at the **Rodeo Grounds @ 7:30pm** everyone is welcome. (if people go to the web site it will say at the Bear Mt Library IT HAS CHANGED to the Rodeo Grounds)

Gymkhanas every 2nd Saturday of the month thru October. (contact Brandie Montgomery)

Family Play Days for all age groups including adults August 21st, September 18th, and October 30th (Costume contest and trailer treating). There are also non-horse events and horse events so if you don't have a horse you still can compete. There are high point awards for day and end of the 3 events high point awards.

October 2nd is the Cowboy Ranch day (A day full of fun for families to compete with each other, some events are Ranch Branding, Cowboy Roping, Team Penning, Cattle Sorting etc.)

We will again have the royalty comp. sign ups starting in Nov. and Dec.

There are membership forms on the website as well as all the board members numbers and emails.

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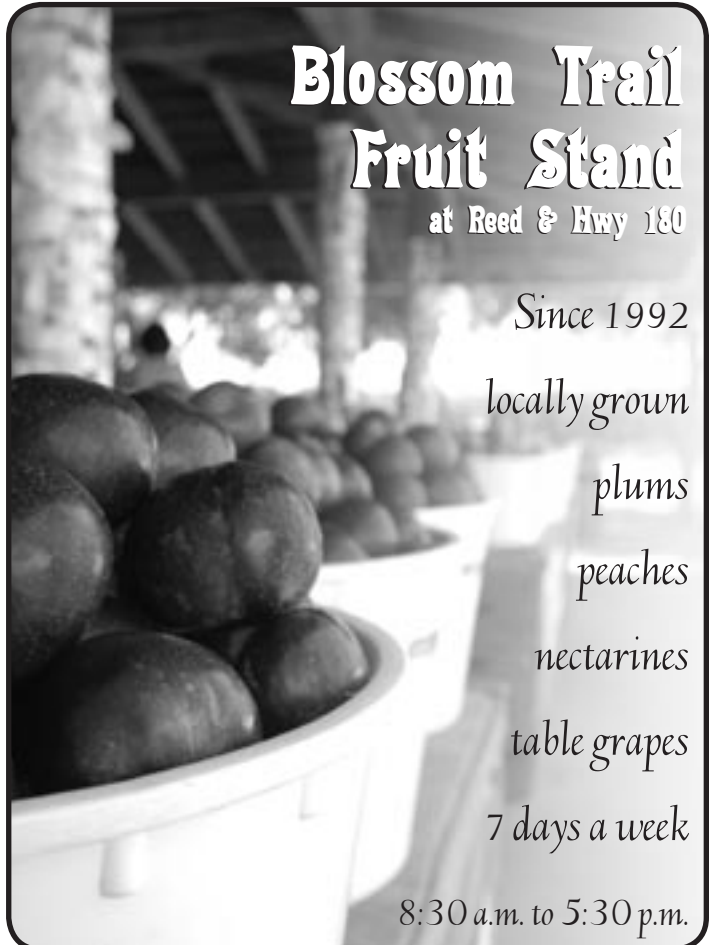
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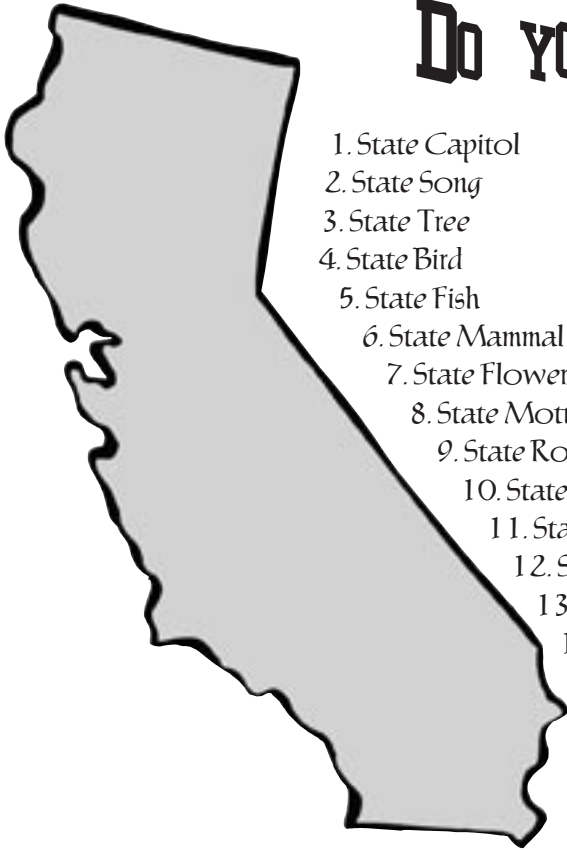
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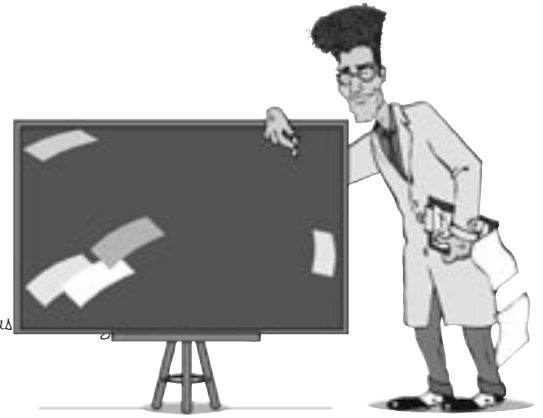
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- ☞ Sherlock Holmes NEVER said "Elementary, my dear Watson".
- ☞ The glue on Israeli postage is certified kosher.
- ☞ The Guinness Book of Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from Public Libraries.
- ☞ No piece of paper can be folded in half more than 7 times.
- ☞ The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.
- ☞ The king of hearts is the only king without a mustache.
- ☞ A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright brother's first flight.
- ☞ Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.
- ☞ The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.
- ☞ Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin.
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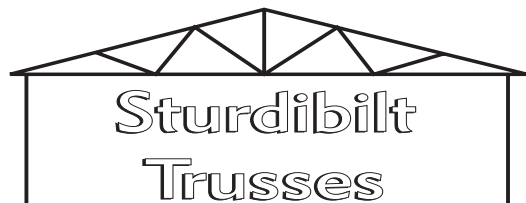
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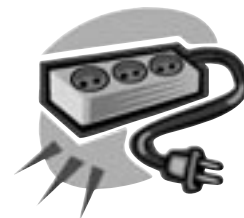
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- ✦ Check out the contractor with the California Licensing Board.
 - ✦ Ask the contractor for customer references.
- ✦ Ask for a copy of the current insurance certificates and licenses.
 - ✦ Get written estimates from several firms.
- ✦ Make sure bids are based on identical project specifications.
 - ✦ Get all guarantees, warranties and promises in writing.
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2010-03-09	ACCIDENTAL OVERDOSE	SAND CREEK RD, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-03-10	PC242	SAND CREEK/MISTLETOE
2010-03-11	FIC	RUTH HILL RD, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-03-11	HS11364	RUTH HILL RD, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-03-12	FIC	MISTLETOE/ENNIS
2010-03-12	PC470(A)	CLOVER LN, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-03-12	RETURN RUNAWAY	WISTERIA LN, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-03-14	OTHER AGENCY ASSIST	SAND CREEK RD, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-03-14	FIELD INTERVIEW	SAND CREEK/ENNIS
2010-03-14	FIELD INTERVIEW	DUNLAP/RUTH HILL
2010-03-17	SUSP. ACTIVITY	PPPERWEED, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-03-18	PC484G	SESAME LN, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-03-18	INCIDENT REPORT REG. POSS.	WISTERIA/CREEKSIDE
2010-03-19	PC487(a)	CLOVER LN, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-03-20	MENTAL HEALT EVALUATION	CREEKSIDE RD, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-03-24	PC530.5	SASSAFRAS RD, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-03-25	PC368(d)FEL	REDBUD LN, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-03-26	DECEASED PERSON	CLOVER LN, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-03-30	FIC	E KINGS CANYON, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-04-01	FI.	KINGS CANYON/ELWOOD
2010-04-03	PC484(a)	SAND CREEK RD, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-04-03	VCI4601.2(A)	SAND CREEK/ENNIS
2010-04-03	FIELD INTERVIEW	RUTH HILL RD, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-04-08	PC261.5	GEORGE SMITH RD, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-04-08	FIELD INTERVIEW CARDS	PEPPERWEED AV, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-04-09	LOCATED INDIAN REMAINS	HIGHWAY 180/E/OF INDIAN GUIDE RD
2010-04-09	F&AG31402	RECTOR LN, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-04-15	PC597(A)	ELWOOD RD, SANGER
2010-04-15	ANIMAL COMPLAINT	CHUCKWAGON RD, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-04-15	FIELD INTERVIEW CARD	HIGHWAY-180/ELWOOD
2010-04-17	PC243(e)(1)	CHUCKWAGON RD, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-04-19	W&I 5150	BURK LN, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-04-19	FIC	ELWOOD/DRAKE LN
2010-04-21	PC594(A)	E KINGS CANYON AV, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-04-23	HAZARDOUS SPILL	ELWOOD RD, SQUAW VALLEY
2010-04-28	RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE	ELWOOD/BURK
2010-04-28	STORED VEHICLE	ELWOOD/BURK
2010-04-30	WARRANT ARREST	CREEKSIDE RD, SQUAW VALLEY



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