

Remembering Harry McAllister

Harry volunteered through the Northwest Montana Forest Fire Lookout Association (NWMT-FFLA) to work on lookouts in Northwestern Montana after his retirement from the Forest Service.

Harry worked on the Spotted Bear Lookout project in 2014. The Spotted Bear Lookout is located on the Flathead National Forest/Spotted Bear Ranger District in the South Fork River drainage just south of the ranger station. He was one of a six-man team who did major maintenance work on this fire lookout which is still staffed during the summer fire season.



He also worked on the Meadow Peak Lookout located on the Kootenai National Forest/Libby Ranger District, northwest of McGreggor Lake and west of Kalispell. Harry volunteered to help on Meadow Peak on different occasions along with other volunteers to get this lookout ready to be placed on the Forest Service Lookout/Cabin Rental Program.



Harry was a “git-r-done” kind of guy, took things seriously but always with a smile on his face. He was also one hell of a cook and a master at using the Dutch oven. We’ll miss working with Harry on the mountain tops of Montana. He was a great friend to many of us and a strong supporter of the NWMT-FFLA.