

DEC document from August, 1968: "Observer's Duties – The Observer has the responsibility of accurately and promptly reporting all forest fires which can be detected from the forest fire observation station to which he has been assigned. He mans the tower during all daylight hours when a forest fire hazard exists and at such other times as the Ranger or District Ranger may specify. He may be required to be on duty any day of the week including Sundays and Holidays and for considerably more than 8 hours per day when forest fire hazard conditions prevail. He is required to operate two-way radio when such equipment is in his tower and to maintain a radio log. He is expected to maintain the trail and telephone line to his station, and during periods of wet weather he may be temporarily assigned to other work as specified by the District Ranger. He may have to act as dispatcher particularly during the initial stages of a fire. He makes out the required Observer reports and maintains a visitors register. He maintains the tower and cabin in a neat and clean condition and is held responsible for the proper care and use of all State property assigned to his station. NOTE: The hours for Observer's will be as follows: Under normal or low hazard conditions the Observer will be on duty from 9:00am to 5:00pm. When forest fire hazard conditions prevail, the Observer will be on duty from 9:00 until dusk, and sometimes longer when requested by the District Ranger or Forest Ranger in charge. When working on trails, etc. away from the tower, the work hours will be established by the Forest Ranger in charge. The normal work week will be 6 days including Saturday and Sunday. When forest fire hazard conditions prevail the Observer may be on duty 7 days a week, and if possible would adjust the day off to correspond with current weather conditions. Probably the most important requirement of an Observer is his faithfulness to his job. It would be better to have no Observer assigned to a station than to have one who is being depended upon to be on duty in the tower, when he is not."