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12 Noon

Room 238-543

Noon-time Slide Show Angeles National Forest Fire Lookouts

From 1935 until 1984, Vetter Mountain Fire Lookout was staffed during the fire season by paid Fire Lookouts when the smog, technology, and budget cuts forced the Forest Service to close the tower. Then in 1998 a local group of U.S. Forest Service Volunteers reopened the tower, which is located at an elevation of 5908 feet overlooking the San Gabriel Mountains behind JPL. Charles White, a Systems Engineer at JPL since 1987, is also a U.S. Forest Service Volunteer, and this past summer he has spent one weekend a month and a few mid-week nights in the mountain-top tower looking for fire. Charles has kept a photo journal and he will share his experiences and historical background of the Fire Lookout Towers of the Angeles National Forest.

