

RED MOUNTAIN FIRE LOOKOUT

The Red Mountain Fire Lookout is located on Red Mountain in the Patagonia Mountains just southeast of the town of Patagonia. The lookout is administered by the Sierra Vista Ranger District of the Coronado National Forest and is listed as a semi-active lookout. On January 31 2003 it was registered as Historic Lookout US 452/AZ 45 in the National Historic Lookout Register. To access the lookout, take the Harshaw Road,(becomes Forest Road 58) south out of Patagonia to FR-4649. FR-4649 terminates at the lookout which is at an elevation of 6373 feet.

Red Mountain Lookout was constructed in 1973 and is the newest fire lookout in the Coronado National Forest. The lookout is an R-6 Dual Cabin mounted on a 10 foot high concrete foundation. The cab is a 15 foot by 15 foot frame lookout house with a flat roof that extends beyond the cabin to provide shade. This style was first developed in 1953 by Region 6 of the US Forest Service, thus the R-6 designation. Region 6 covers Washington and Oregon.

The lookout site has a multi-purpose function. In addition to the lookout, the site contains extensive communications equipment that includes radio relay service for the Forest Service, Border Patrol and the Santa Cruise County Sheriff.



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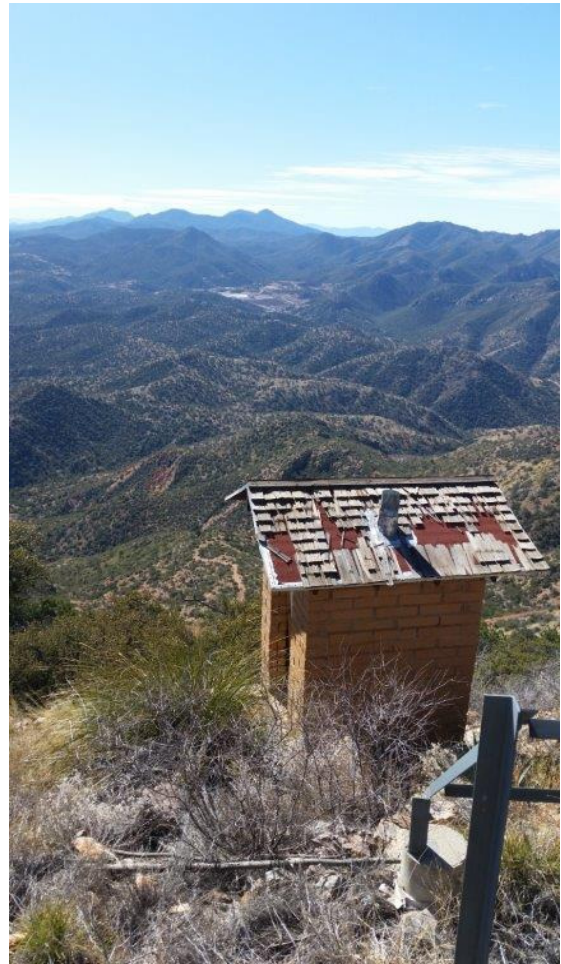
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Coleman Memorial Plaque

The photo above is of a memorial plaque dedicated to the Colemans that you may see on your hike to the lookout. So far we have no further information on the Colemans.

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