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Exploring Idaho Lookouts: Legacy and Future Perspectives

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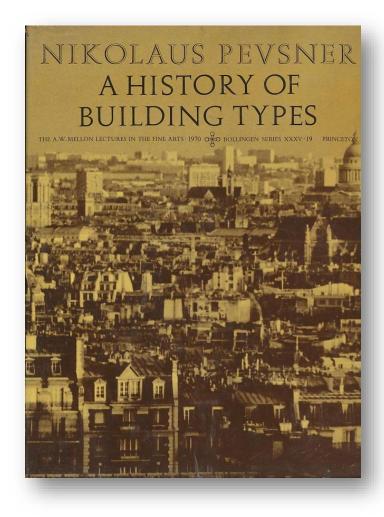


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ARE LOOKOUTS A BUILDING TYPE?





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Warehouses

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Railway stations

Market halls

Shops and stores

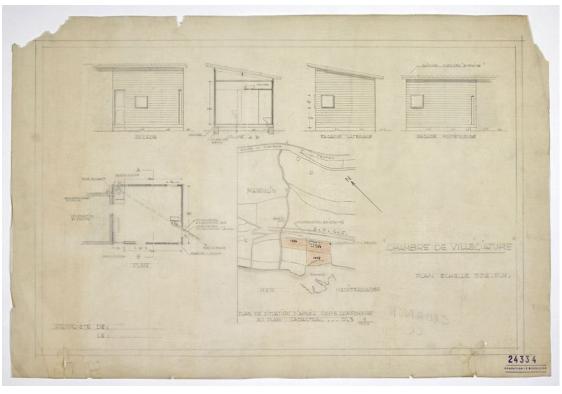
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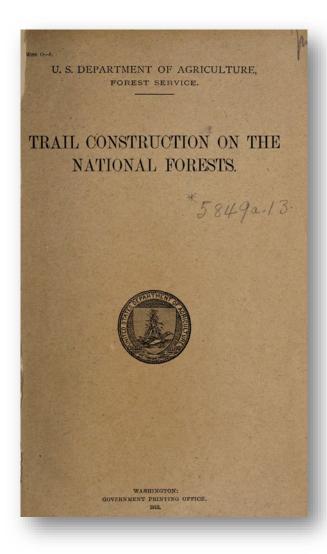
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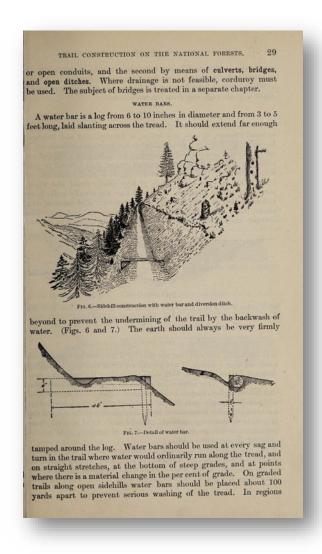
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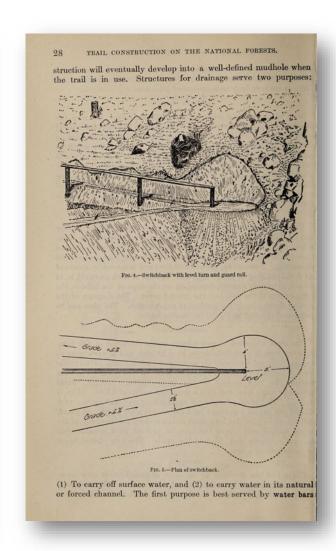
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Examples of Pack Trains (1930s).

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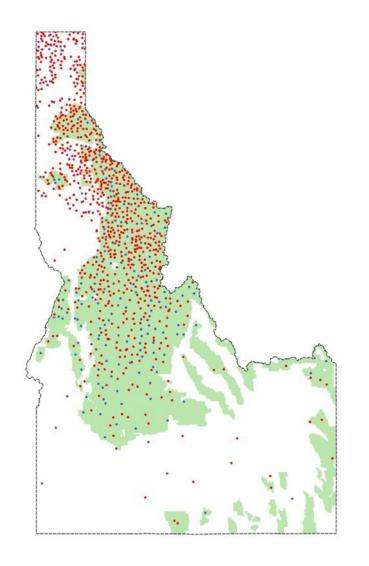
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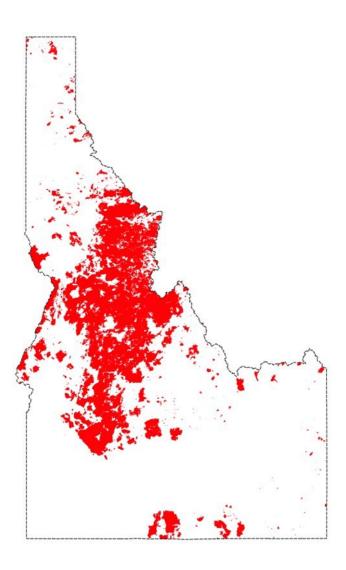
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Left: Idaho Lookout Map (blue: still standing; red: abandoned/demolished/collapsed).
Right: Idaho Fire Map (XX Century).

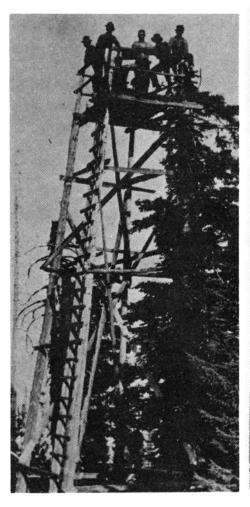
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Vandalism & Abandonment. Source: US Forest Service

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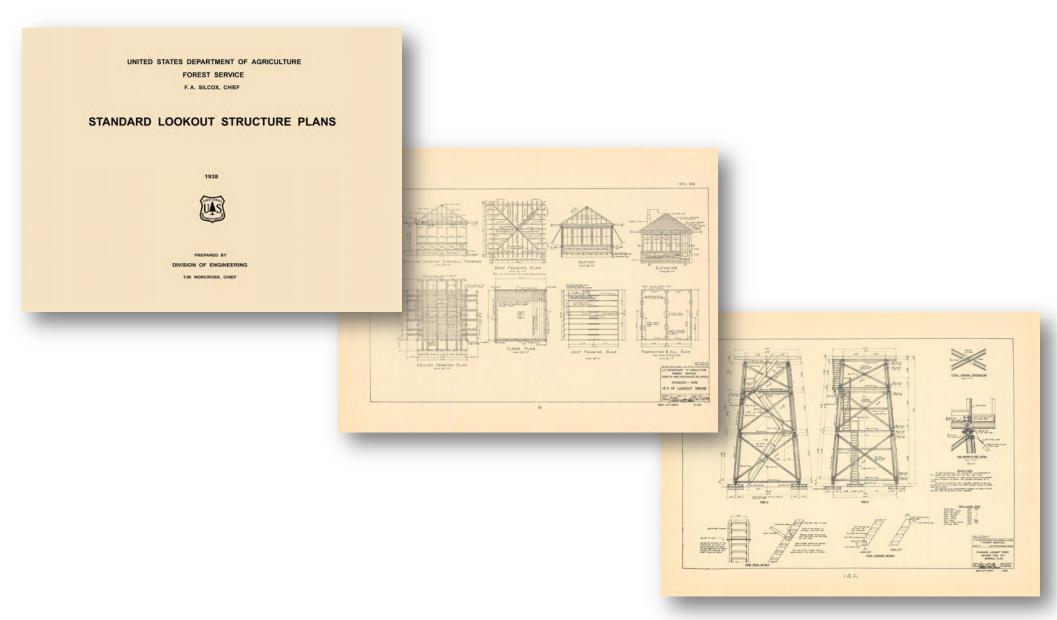
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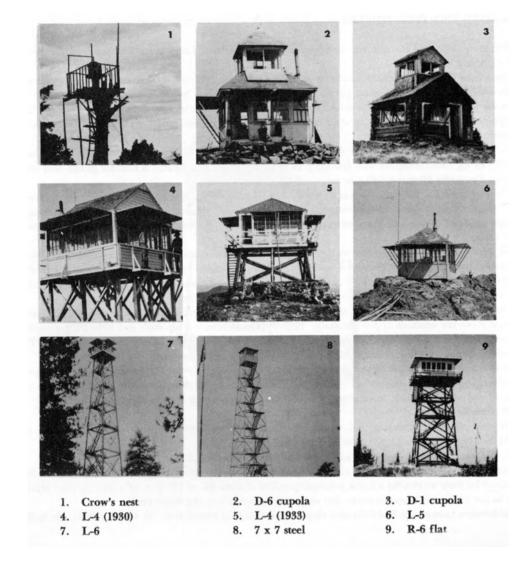
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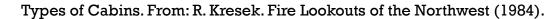


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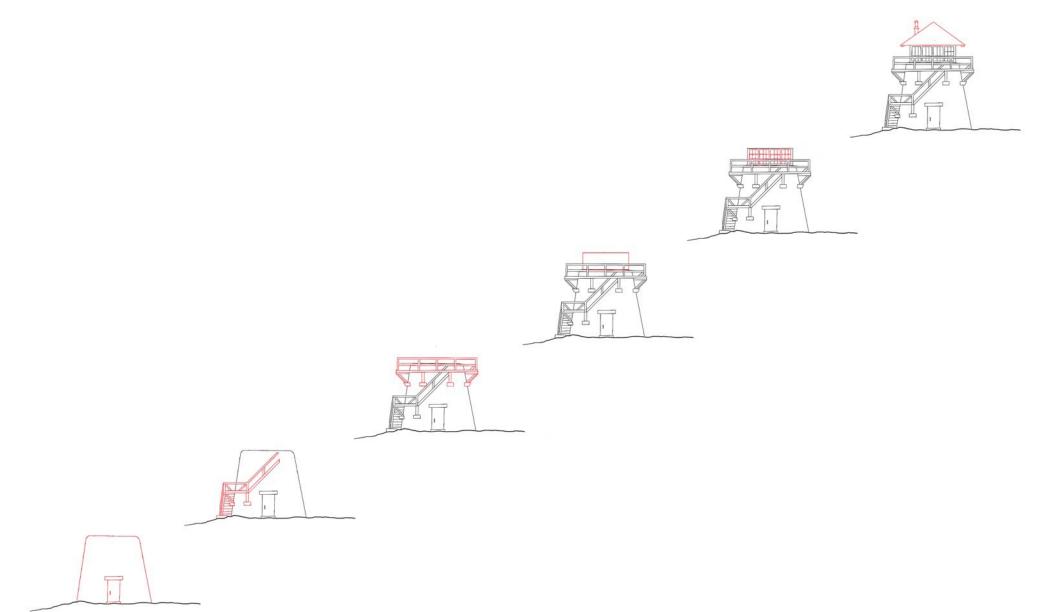
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A.A. Dutto, Representation of the assembly scheme of the lookout tower type. From top to bottom: podium, stairs, walkway, cabin, windows, roof.

PES OF WALKWAYS



SOUTHERN IDAHO REGION ELEVATION 4337' BUILT 1941 ID/NOTCHBUTTE.HTML



GROUND walkways treat the ground surrounding the cabin as the walkway. They may be bare or paved such as the example. There is often no railing, and the cabin is never raised off the ground.



LUCHSA PEAK LOOKOUT SELWAY REGION IDAHO ELEVATION 4885' BUILT 1931 ID/LOCHSAPEAK.HTML



PORCH walkways are a small section of walkway between the stairs and the door to the cabin. They are only ever on one



WHITE GOAT LOOKOUT SOUTHERN IDAHO REGION ELEVATION 9421' BUILT 1940 ID/WHITEGOAT.HTML



ON TOP walkways are located above the lookout's cabin. Sometimes the walkway overhangs the cabin, sometimes it does not, and sometimes there is a separate structure to support the walkway.



THUNDERBOLT MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT WEST CENTRAL IDAHO REGION ELEVATION 8652' BUILT 1962 ID/THUNDERBOLD.HTML



EXTERNAL walkways hang off the cab and protrude beyond the structure. The stairway may interrupt the walkway, or attach to the outside.



CHANDLER MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT WEST CENTRAL OREGON REGION ELEVATION 2498' BUILT 1952 OR/CHANDLERMTN.HTML



PODIUM walkways are built directly above the walls on the lookout's structure. The cabin is then set back from the edge, providing space to circulate.



FLY CREEK POINT LOOKOUT SOUTHERN IDAHO REGION ELEVATION 8984' BUILT 1935 ID/FLYCREEK.HTML



ON GRADE walkways are purposefullybuilt slabs or foundations with railings. They are often at or just above ground level.



MOUNT JUPITER LOOKOUT WASHINGTON COAST REGION ELEVATION 5701' BUILT 1933



PITER LOOKOUT

N COAST REGION
5701'

PARTIAL walkways are walkways that are interrupted by the natural features surrounding the cabin.



BERTHA HILL LOOKOUT ST JOE/CLEARWATER REGION IDAHO ELEVATION 5520' BUILT 1958 ID/BERTHA.HTML



STACKED walkways are fairly rare. They consist of a cabin with an external walkway situated above or below another open

BRAYDEN JONES, ANDREW SHEARMAN

TYPES OF CABINS

SEPARATED



GARNET MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT
GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST
ELEVATION: 12/45
1930-PRESENT
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Initially this bookund was considered to have four separate buildings with the fring quarters separate from the bookund. The fring quarters cabin was a four stary building with space for foremost stronge and a related fring space. The present buokund is now a 10° R40 cabin and is a restable cabin.

1.5 STORY



POLETT MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT BITTEROOT NATIONAL FOREST BLEWRION 8281* 1923-1988 HTTPSWINN-FITRELOOKOUT COMAITEM-OLETOWN HTML



This lankast cabin was originally a basic compsolup in 1921 and was later replaced by the produced capable cabin where the main fiving space was an five ground floor with an obserwitional capable placed directly in the middle of the building.



HUCKLEEFRY MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT ST. JOE MATIONAL FOREST ELEWHION: SUIZ? 1975-2013 HTTPS://WWW.FIRELOOKOUT.COM/ID?



Originally a one stary 20° pute tower with an L-4 cabin was later replaced with the pictured that R-81 cabin in 1975 where it remained shelled until 1995 where it was moved to error group only shallor and was later machaned off in 2013 and remained from the vale in 2014.

2-STORY



ROCKY POINT LOOKOUT CLEARAMER NATIONAL FOREST BLEWRION 1230* 1903-PRESENT HITTPS/WWW.FRELOOKOUT.COM/ICY ROCKYPT HIM!



Originally this cabin was a 10-funt log L-4 fyce orbin. Later a new R-8 fed orbin was built around 1905 and is convertly staffed every summer. If a unknown if the original L-4 cabin was replaced or if it still stands bulay. Pictures

N=SIDES



PATTER (SENIMEL) LOOKOUT
UNMERSITY OF MONTANA
ELEVATION: 5158*
1915-1959
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This unique lookout existed on the University of Montend's compusibilities letter mysteriously burned down in 1929. Be original form were a 2-story beorground log and slick formed cabin. The first four-thing log formed and the second loor being slick formed.



SLIA FEAKLOOKOUT BITTERFOOT NATIONAL FOREST BENNING 1991* 2001-PRESENT HITTS/JAWWEFFELOOKOUT.COM/AFT/ SLIAFFEK-FINIL



This cabin was originally a standard 10° L.4 lower and later a second 0° L.4 orbits was build in 1977. Originally the stiffs were constructed with freeded lumber but was later original with CMU block because of the farexisted makers in 2000 but in were burned down and throwwer explanate by the original shoulder seen in the orbital or 2001.

CONNOR REAKES, SIMON SCOTT

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Left: *Types of Cabins*. Board by S. Scott and C. Reakes (ARCH454 Spring '24). Right: *Types of Roofs*. Board by E. J. Cresse and L. Lesmann (ARCH454 Spring '24).

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TYPES OF CABINSTRUCTURAL SUPPORTS



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unusable. In present day, only a 10° fall charred free stump remains.



SLASH RIDGE LOOKOUT MEDECINE BOW NATIONAL FOREST SAU BUILT IN 1948 HTTPS://WWW.FIRELOOK.OUT.COM/ WY/SLASHRIDGEHTML



Replaced the previous fower of the same location made of wood. Fire destroyed the



SHEEP MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT BIGHORN NATIONAL FOREST 9,810° Built in 1950 HTTPS:///WWWERELOOKOUT.COM



Podium style lookout fower which responds heavily to wind on the Wyoming plains. The



COLUMENA MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST **BUILT IN 1914** HITPS://WWW.FIRELOOK.OUT.COM/WW.



This hand-heam square log cabin was built in 1914 and had a 15° pole platform above the cabin. If has a fain cabin on mount banaparte. Major preservation has been done, and it is listed on the national historic booksul



HORSESHDE LAKE LOOK OUT CLERWATER NATIONAL FOREST 8 985 BUILT IN 1953 HTTPS://WWW.FIRELOOKOUT.COM/DY HORSESHOELAKEHTM



finities tower was moved from India Grave lookout location in Idaho. This fower is the



SAIDLE BUITE LOOKOUT UMATELIA NATIONAL FOREST 5,840* BUILT IN 1932 HITPS/WWW.FIRELOOKOLITCOM/WWV

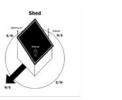


SPENCER BORDENICK, STEVEN BURKETT

TYPES OF ROOFS



BALDMOUNTAIN LOOKOUT SOUTHWEST OREGON



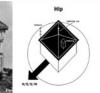
Shed roof. Only shed roof ever used in a fire look-out. Unknown/unlikely whether true shed roofs exist in fire lookouts. This is bald mountain lookout referred to as "cathedral" referencing the cupola, most similar to a D-1 cupola type.



SOUTH CHILCO MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT COUER D'ALENE REGION HTTPS://WWW.FIRELOOKOUT.COM/ID/



Gable roof, most common type in early lookout construction, L-4 1930 version. Simple to construct, beams are placed and then covered with wooden shingles. Can be seen with or without any



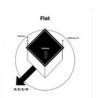
GROUSE MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT HTTPS://WWW.FIRELOOKOUT.COM/ID/



Hip roof, very common construction method. Began early on and stayed in popularity throughout most of the 20th century. Typically uses wooden shingles, and overhangs are not super common.



BIG BALDY LOOKOUT HTTPS://WWW.FIRELOOKOUT.COM/ID/BIG-



Flat roofs began being used in 1952 when Oregon USFS Region 6 developed the R-6 cabin. Goat Peak and Satus peak in south central Washington were very early examples. Early examples had minimal overhang, but later began to extend out to protect a porch or deck from the elements.



ARID PEAK LOOKOUT ST JOE CLEARWATER IDAHO



Shutters began to show up in roof styles in the 1930/40's. They were used to prevent glare in the summers and protected extensive glass facades from the elements over the winterized months. Versions in 1936 began to extend their ceiling L-4 1933 version or L-5



MOUNT HARRISON LOOKOUT SOUTHERN IDAHO



the development of the R-6 lookout. They serve many functional purposes, like blocking glare and minimizing snow load. A flat or a hip roof with an overhang that extends to the edges of a porch is

EMMA JEAN CRESSE, LOGAN LESMANN

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Left: Types of Stairs. Board by J. Billington and D. Zepeda (ARCH454 Spring '24). Right: Types of Openings. Board by J. Nelson and M. Smith (ARCH454 Spring '24).





LOOKOUT NAME: LOOKOUT MT. SITE NAME: COOLIN, ID. ELEVATION: 6,727' DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1929 DRL: HTTPS://SAH-ARCHIPEDIA. ORG/BUILDINGS/ID-01-021-0030



PICTURE FRAME CUPOLA: This 1929 gable style cupola is one of the only early remaining examples located in Idaho. When determining the field of vision pertaining to the upper cupola this structure lies between 90-85% visibility. We were unable to find images where the cupola's windows are seen in open use.



LOOKOUT NAME: MCGUIRE MT. LOOKOUT SITE NAME: EUREKA, MT ELEVATION: 6,970' DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1923 URL: HTTPS://WWW.FIRELOOKOUT. COM/MT/MCGUIRE.HTML



SLIDING CUPOLA: Even though McGuire Mt. Lookout was built before Lookout Mt. the amount of precision taken into consideration for creating a panorama view seems to be at a higher level. McGuire Mt. is still actively maintained today and can be rented. Once looking at the visibility in relation to the structure's openings.



LOOKOUT NAME: NUMA RIDGE LOOKOUT SITE NAME: GLACIER NATIONAL

PARK
ELEVATION: 6,800'
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1934
URL: HTTP://NHLR.ORG/LOOKOUTS/
US/MT/NUMA-RIDGE-LOOKOUT/



SINGLE HUNG CAB: Numa Ridge Lookout is located within Flathead County of Clacier National Park. The park still staff's the lookout during open spring/summer seasons. The lookout is a 14" 14" design with an extended hip roof. Looking at visability in relation to openings of the lookout, 15"-80% of the cabin is open to gen



LOOKOUT NAME: ST. MARY PEAK LOOKOUT SITE NAME: BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST ELEVATION: 9,351' DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1931 URL: HTTPS://WWW.FIRELOOKOUT. COM/MT/STMARY/PEAK-HTML



CASEMENT CAB: St. Mary Peak Lookout is classified as a L-4. Originally built atop timber poise it want 'until 1862 that the base became entirely enclosed. Corresponding to the visibility in relation to openings, this cabin peaks with its heighted windows abowing for 90-14 visibility of 30°C.



LOOKOUT NAME: MOUNT CONSTITUTION SITE NAME: SAN JUAN SLANDS, WA STATE, ELEVATION: 2,332' DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1937 URL: HTTP://NHLR.ORG/LOOKOUTS/ US/WA/MOUNT-CONSTITUTION-LOOKOUTS/



SLIT TOWER: The most intriguing of lookout towers, this medieval-sple stone fine below towers was designed with respiration from the ancient wasch towers of the Dauceass Mountains in Europe. The SS' tower is comprised of several not flow yellow point regions. However, we chose to focus on interior openings which leaves this lookout tower to have visibility range between 15-20%.



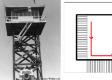
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WINDOWLESS TOWER: For this case study, we chose to focus on the timber pole tower base. Which in relation to visibility is almost completely open. Giving this study a 85-90% of complete 360° views.

MADDIE SMITH, JULIANA NELSON

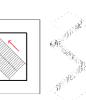




BUMBLEHEE PEAK LOOKOUT 12 MILES NWOFKELLOGG ELEVARION: 4,740 FT 1957-1975 HTTPS://WWW.PERELOOKOUECOM/ IDMIJMBI FREE HTMI



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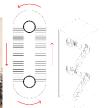
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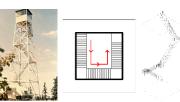


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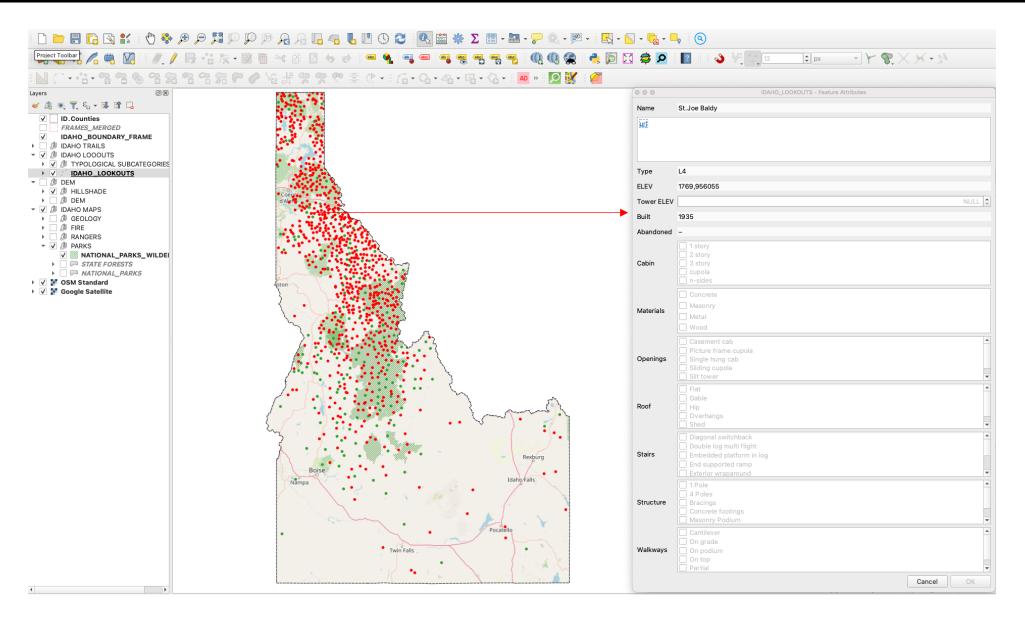
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Left: Types of Structural Support. Board by S. Bordenick and S. Burkett (ARCH454 Spring '24). Right: Types of Walkways. Board by B. Jones and A. Shearman (ARCH454 Spring '24).



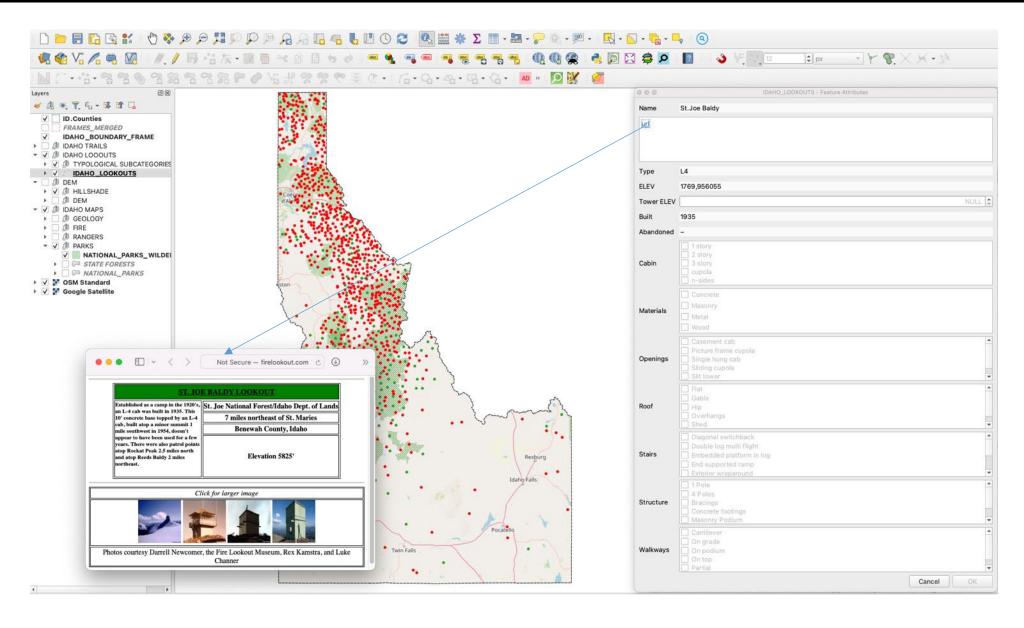
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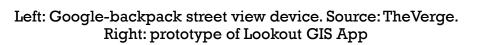
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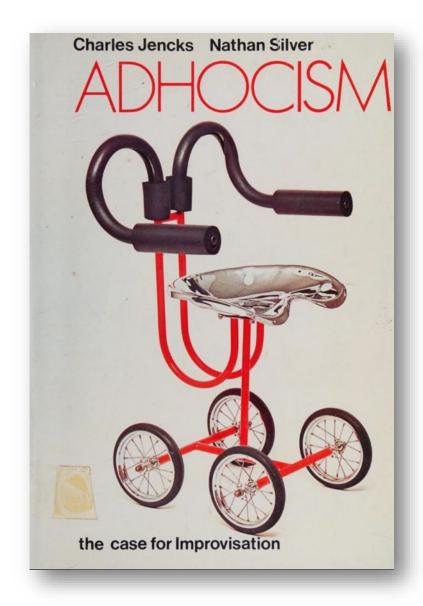
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(198) Totally scavenged environments can have a breathtaking beauty, but the adhocism of poverty is tempered by later economic improvement and has no romantic attraction for those who are forced to suffer it. Casablanca shantytown, 1954 (see also 119, 120, 121)

Architecture

Self-conscious adhocism in architecture came after 1913—long after—but adhocism in architecture has always been around in one form or another. One can begin with "autocthonous," vernacular building, the purest possible example of practical adhocism in architecture. From our viewpoint in the Museum without Walls, it is tempting to look upon the humble buildings of the Caucasus, southern Italy, Mexico and the Aegean as Clubs Méditerranées primeval, enviably pure and simple. Vernacular building and indigenous villages are shaped in every way by the poverty of resources. They reflect the simple abilities of

communities far more orthodox and conformist than any that most would suffer for more than a month's holiday; their architecture is a direct attempt to cope with limitations, limitations that produce a convention over time. If one thinks traditional villages are "honest" it is generally because they are stark. Their repetition without monotony would be available to us if we chose to build our own houses by hand, only not all at once-one after another, so that each was adapted and constrained by all that came before. The undiluted practical adhocism that prevails in vernacular architecture is stopped only through lack of further resources immediately to hand. Any sensible man would prefer a piece of corrugated as-bestos board to a thatch roof unless he got rich and could afford to be romantic (198).

"Architecture without architects" is serene and harmonious building, but its formal attractions didn't arise, as some commentators say, be-

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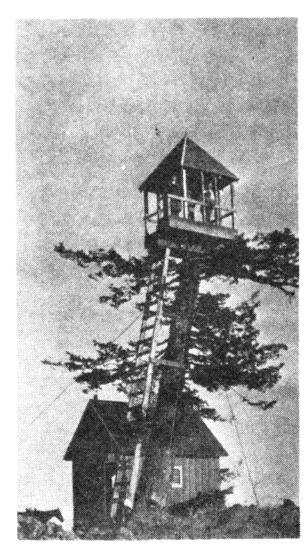
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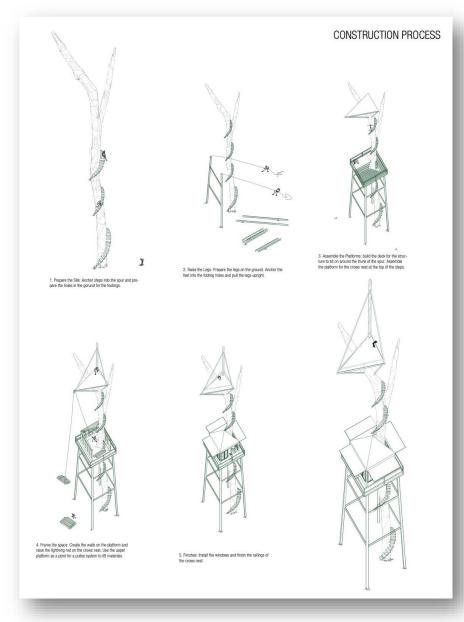
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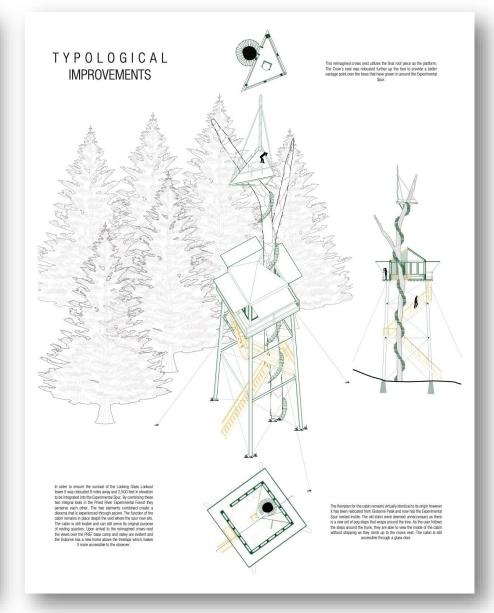
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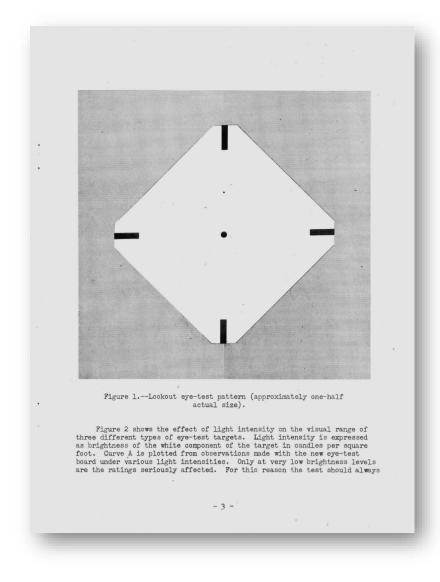
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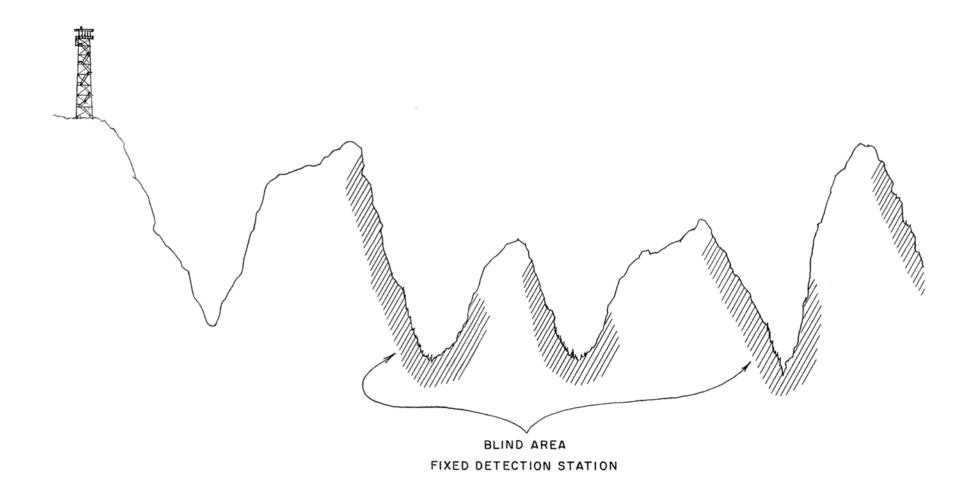
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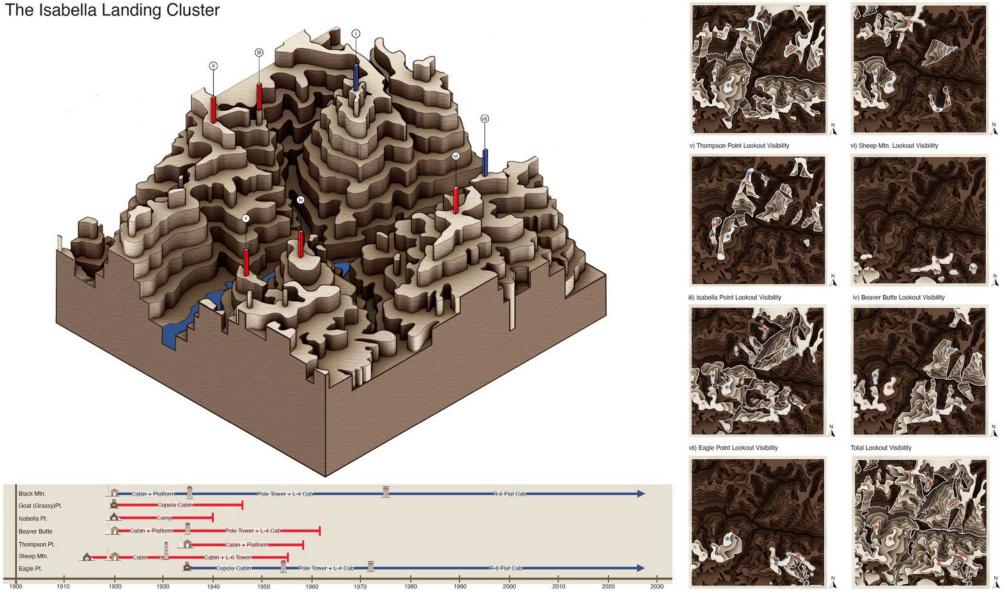
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ii) Goat (Grassy) Point Lookout Visibility



The Isabella Landing Cluster (Idaho Panhandle National Forests)
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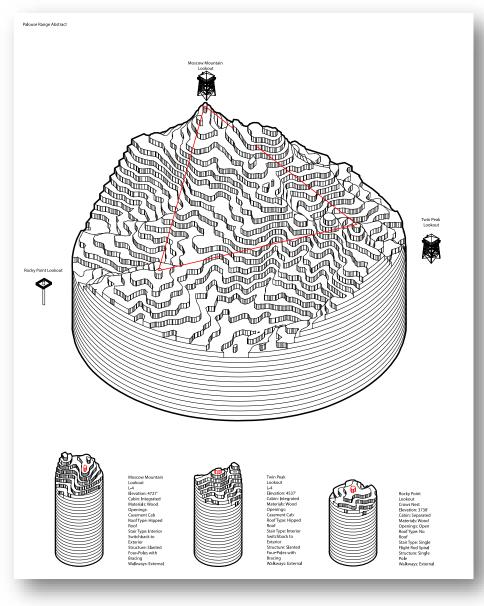
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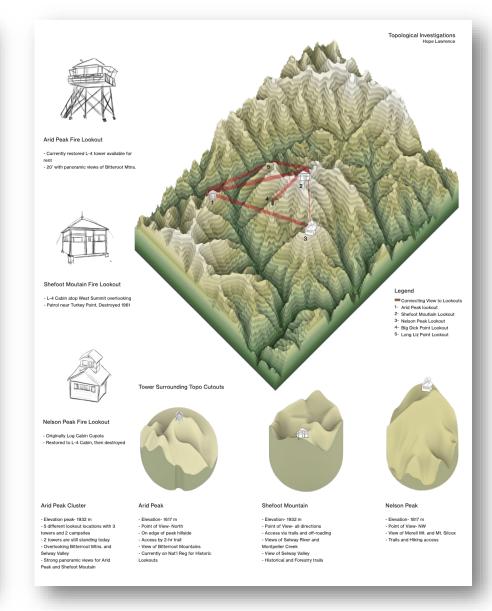
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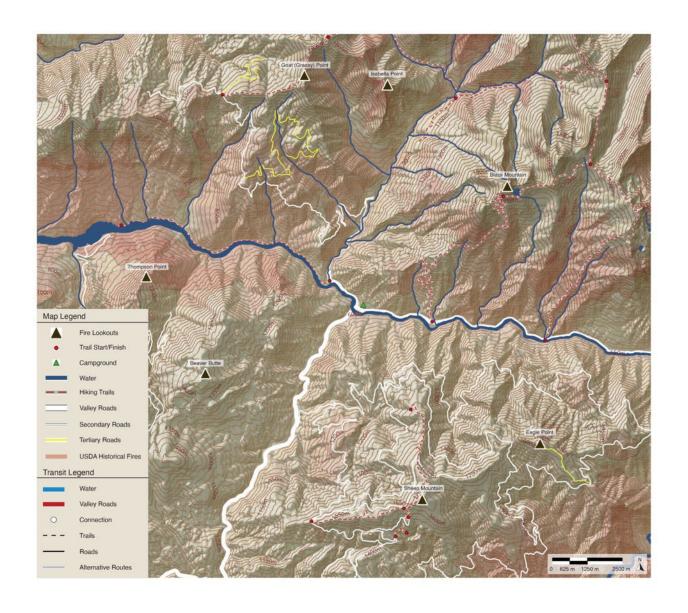
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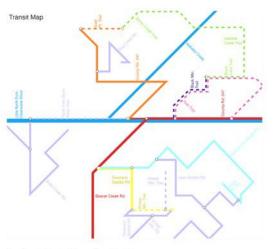
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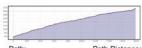
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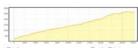


Lookout Route Elevation Profiles



Path: Path Distance Black Mountain Trail 17,500 m

Total Distance: 17,500 m



Path: Path Distance:
Scofield Sourdough Rd. 2600 m
Swanson Saddle Rd. 14,100 m
Sheep Mtn. Trail 6400 m

Total Distance: 23,100 m



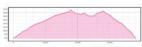
Scofield Sourdough Rd. 44,700 m Eagle Pt Rd. 3800 m

Total Distance: 48,500 m



Path: Path Distance: County Rd. 247 27,900 m Goat Grassy Point Trail 7500m

Total Distance: 35,400 m



Path: Path Distance:
Black Mountain Trail
Nub Trail Path Distance:
17,500 m
20,000 m

Total Distance: 37,500 m



Path: Path Distance:
Black Lake Trail 6400 m
Isabella Creek Trail 4300 m
Elmer Creek Trail 21,200 m

Total Distance: 31,900 m

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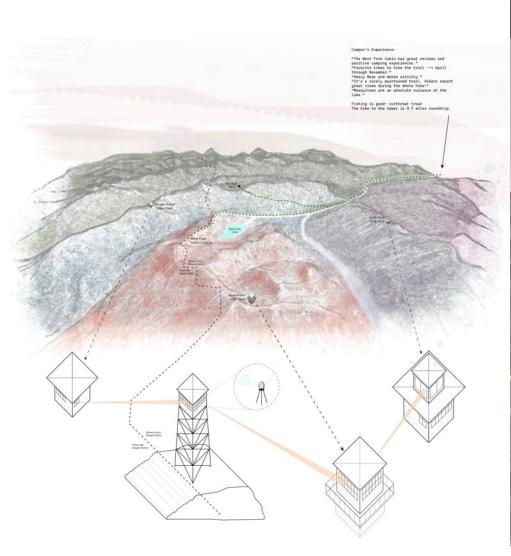
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The Isabella Landing Cluster. Board by J. Bruggeman (ARCH454 Fall '24).





Proposal for *West Fork Lookout* cluster. Project by L. Lesmann (ARCH454 Spring '24). Are Lookouts a Type?

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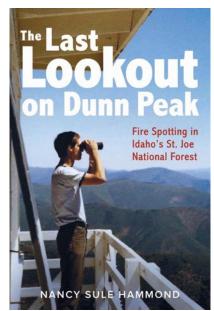
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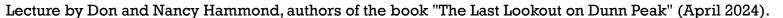


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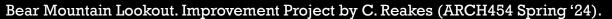


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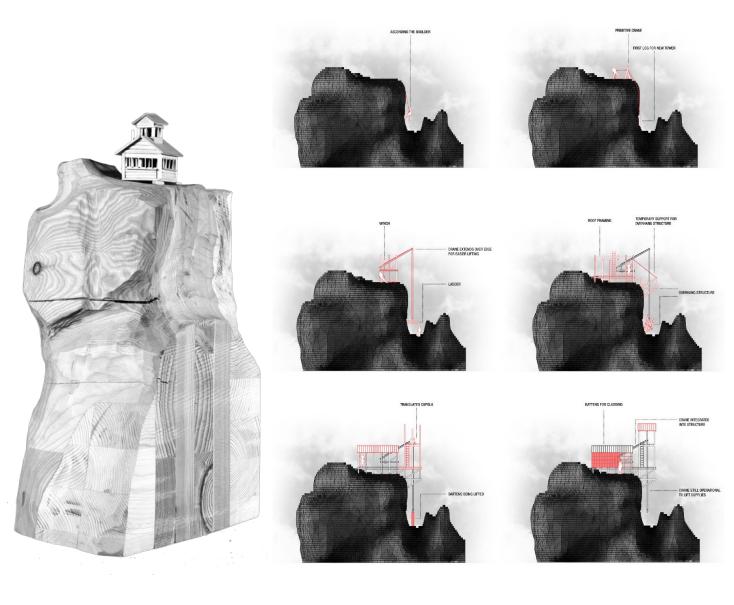
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Wylies Peak Lookout. Improvement Project by B. Jones (ARCH454 Spring '24).



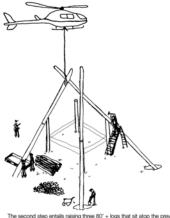
The first step of the construction process consists of digging holes, pouring footings, and raising the four posts that act as the base of the lookout.



The third step focuses on building up the first level, this is done by using available stone and hand mixed concrete to form masonry walls.



The fifth step consists of the addition of rafters, and construction of the overall roof form. Along with the addition to handrails to the stairs.



The second step entails raising three 80° + logs that sit atop the previous posts. These too are dug into the ground and poured with footings.



The fourth step moves to the construction of the second level. A stair on the exterior is added, and the second floor is constructed. The walls are



The last and final step of the construction process is used to complete the roof and construct the crow's nest.



Chicken Peak Lookout. Improvement Project by J. Nelson (ARCH454 Spring '24).

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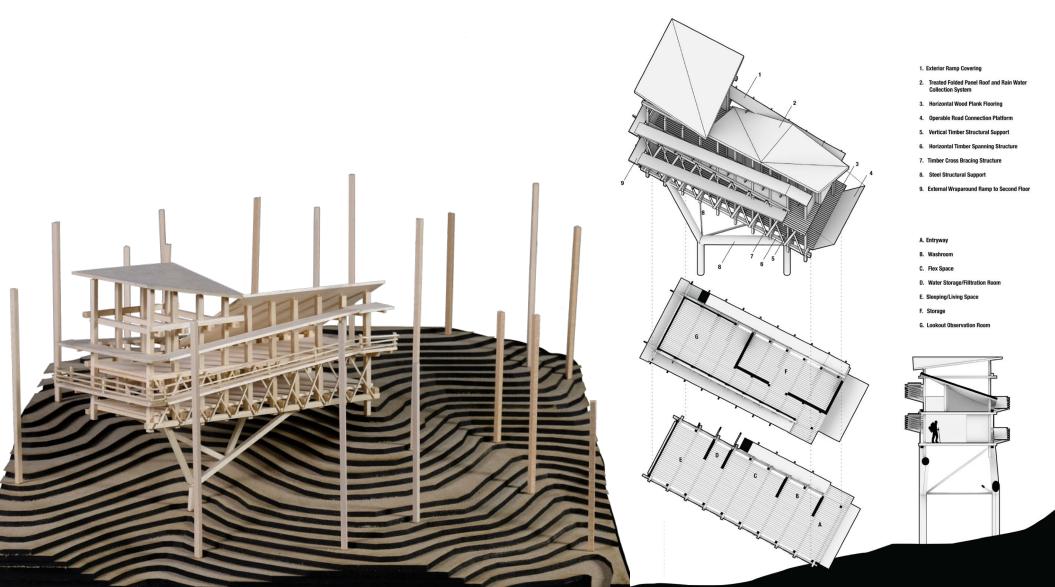
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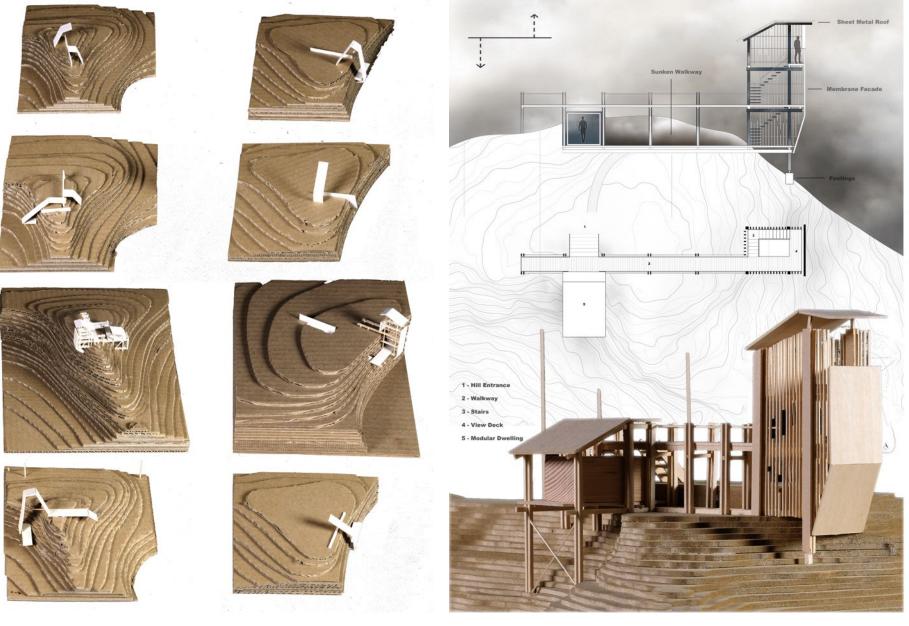
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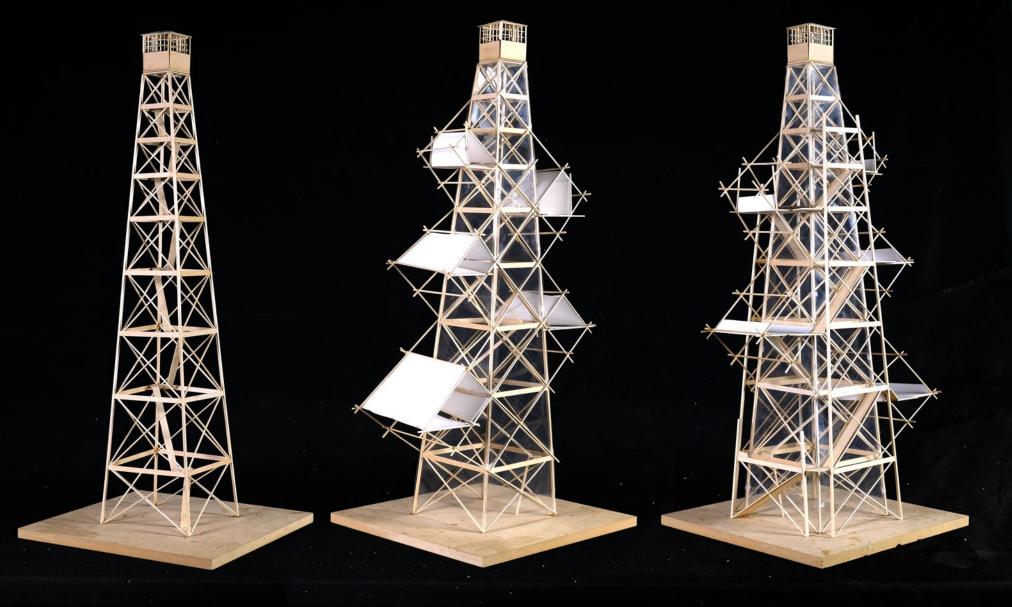
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Innovate Structures. Project by J. Billington (ARCH454 Spring '24).

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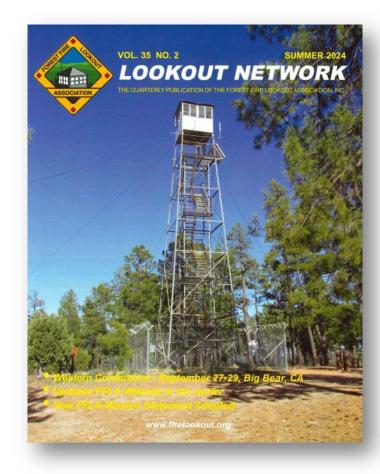
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