

# Fuertes Observatory Opening Procedure

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- Carefully remove the tarp from the telescope.
- Climb the ladder at the south side of the room and remove the restraining pipe from the wheel.
- Open the dome slit.
- Carefully remove the dust cover from the telescope and the finderscope.
- Remove the piece of wood keeping tension off of the dome-driving belt.
- Tighten the bolt such that you can just slide the tip of your pinky between the wheel and the belt.
- Bring the telescope down using the Declination knob<sup>†</sup>.
- Start the clock drive.

<sup>†</sup>There is a small piece of glow-in-the-dark tape behind the wooden declination knob to distinguish it from the RA knob.