Aldo Leopold House, New Mexico September 17 - 20, 2015

Project Partner: Carson National Forest

History: Built in 1911 for just $650 by Forest Supervisor Aldo Leopold, the Aldo Leopold House is a two-story, Craftsman-style wood home to which Leopold referred as “Mia Casita.” A conservationist, forester, writer and outdoor enthusiast, Aldo Leopold is considered by many to be the “father of wildlife management” and of the wilderness system in the United States. Leopold occupied the cabin until 1913; subsequently, it was occupied by a succession of Forest Supervisors. It is currently used for educational programming and small events.

Scope of Work: In 2006, volunteers repaired decades of wear and tear at Aldo Leopold House to preserve its structure and history. In 2014, the cabin required scraping, painting, and staining the exterior siding and doors. Also, steps, doors, and windows were repaired or replaced. HistoriCorps returned to Aldo Leopold in 2015; volunteers worked with eld staff to learn new skills which aided in repairs, including:

- Finish staining
• Replace rotten wood on front steps
• Scrape, prep and paint the office porch
• Scrape and paint office walls and eaves as needed
• Repair office ceiling and paint
• Paint root cellar and porch doors
• Re-install repaired office windows

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