Anderson Lodge, WY  September 8 - 15, 2017

PROJECT PARTNER: Shoshone National Forest

PROJECT SITE DESCRIPTION:
Anderson Lodge is named for its original dweller, the artist, rancher and philanthropist Abraham Archibald Anderson. The lodge is a two-story, multi-roomed building. HistoriCorps restored this building as well as its accompanying Hired Hand’s cabin, a one-room cabin. Read more about the structure on the National Register of Historic Places. During America’s Gilded Age in the late 19th century, Mr. Anderson crossed paths with many places and people we know and celebrate today. As an artist, he painted many portraits, including one of Thomas Edison; he also personally designed William “Buffalo Bill” Cody’s guest ranch Pahaska Tepee, and his own home – the site of this HistoriCorps project. As a rancher, his love of
the outdoors and commitment to its proper management led to him becoming the first Special Superintendent of Forest Reserves under Theodore Roosevelt’s administration. Mr. Anderson played a significant role in the preservation and development of the Yellowstone region, and his home served as its first administrative headquarters. When he wasn’t at his home in the mountains, he resided in the famous Bryant Park Studios for artists in New York City, a 10-story building he bought and developed in 1900.

The Shoshone National Forest was originally called the Yellowstone Timberland Reserve when it was set aside in 1891 (under the management of Mr. Anderson). It was the first national forest in the United States. Encompassing approximately 2.4 million acres, the forest consists of a dramatic landscape: from huge swaths of exposed rock, to snow-capped mountains even in July, to expansive meadows and forests.

**WHAT:** In order to stabilize the Anderson Lodge and its accompanying Hired Hand’s Cabin, volunteers worked closely with field staff to learn how to:

- Repair and re-align log walls
- Repair the cabin’s foundation
- Remove and replace deteriorated aspects of the cabin’s roof
- Install gutters (drip-edging)
- Rebuild porch framing to historic accuracy
- Create protective window and door coverings
- Repair the lodge’s main door
- Remove debris threatening the lodge’s integrity

**WHERE:** Washakie Wilderness, Shoshone National Forest, Wyoming (map) Coordinates: 44.101465, -109.4347672

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