History: With an increase in automobile travel in the early 20th century, the City and County of Denver created the Denver Mountain Parks system to encourage travel to Colorado’s forested mountain wilderness. Their focus was creating scenic road loops to enable easy access for city travelers in search of mountain vistas. In the 1930s, as part of this effort, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) began their development of the G-Loop, which starts in Morrison, goes over Squaw Pass from Bergin Park to Echo Lake, to Mt. Evans Road, then North to Idaho Springs and Bergen Park and finally back to Denver through Golden. In addition to the road itself, they built trails, scenic overlooks, picnic areas and campgrounds. Included in this wave of construction is the Arapaho Springs Shelter, which served as a campsite for hunters and hikers. Nestled between pine trees and willows, this structure exhibits typical CCC-era characteristics, including the use of cobblestones and cedar shingle roofing.

Scope of Work: Volunteers from the local community worked with field staff to learn how to:

- Repair and replace roof decking and shingles;
- Replace the deteriorated rafter log;
- Remove graffiti;
- Clean fire-blackened stones on springbox;
- Paint all exposed wood surfaces.

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