Project Partner: Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest

History: The Blackhall Mountain Lookout was constructed in 1963 to replace a smaller 1916 wooden cab. It is perched on a rock outcropping in the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest. From 1916 through the late 1970s, the Lookout served as the summer residence and station for fire watchers, like 19 year-old Virginia McIntyre who was stranded with her 12 year-old cousin on the peak during a 1955 forest fire. The tower was rehabilitated for overnight rentals.

Scope of Work: To prepare the Lookout as rental space, volunteers worked with HistoriCorps field staff to undertake skill-building activities, including:

- Rehabilitated the windows and doors
- Replaced deteriorated catwalk decking
- Repainted the railing and catwalk
- Repainted interior vertical groove plywood paneling

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