Bowerman Barn, CA

October 6 - 11, 2017

PROJECT PARTNER: Shasta-Trinity National Forest

PROJECT SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY:

If you think this project looks familiar, you’re right! HistoriCorps volunteers planned to work on Bowerman Barn in early June of 2017,

but endangered Townsend bats took up residence for their maternity period just before the project was slated to start. We worked fast with our project partners in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest to get our volunteers on another needy project (the Hirz Lookout). Now that the bats (and their babies!) have moved on, we were ready to accept registrations for this project.

Located amid the stunning and diverse beauty of northern California lies the eye-catching Bowerman Barn. Constructed by hand in 1878 by Mr. Jacob Bowerman, it served as part of the Bowerman ranch, which in turn served as an important business within the regional economy and along the main stagecoach route between Oregon and California. The barn remained in use until the US Forest Service purchased the property in 1974. Seven years later it was added to the
National Register of Historic Places. Still standing at 138 years old, dry rot is impairing the barn’s roof timbers. You can learn more about the Bowerman Barn from the US Forest Service here, or visit www.bowermanbarn.org.

Help us save this stupendous barn, and learn about timber framing in the process! Bring your cameras – the scenery is going to be jaw-dropping!

A perfectly blue arm of the sprawling Trinity Lake

CHALLENGE LEVEL: MEDIUM. Volunteers on this project should not fear heights.

WHAT: Volunteers worked with field staff to learn the preservation techniques necessary to:

- Repair dry-rotted timber in the barn’s roof
- Learn or deepen their expertise with timber framing

WHERE: This site is about 90 minutes from Redding, CA.

- GPS Coordinates: 40.8999937, -122.7676694
- Here is a Google map to Bowerman Barn

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