History: Established in 1863 by French immigrants Adolph and Marie Guiraud, Buffalo Peaks Ranch is one of South Park's oldest ranches and is an excellent representation of the ranching lifestyle and history in Park County. While the Guirauds lived part time in Denver, the vacant ranch served as a safe house for the Reynolds Gang during their stagecoach robbing spree. It is said that Adolph knew Jim Reynolds and provided this shelter to him a few days before the gang was caught and killed. After Adolph's death, Marie continued running the ranch with their 10 children, becoming one of the wealthiest women in Colorado and amassing one of the largest fortunes in the South Park Area. In 1942, the ranch was purchased by the McDowell family, who increased the ranch's size and production even further. The property is now run by the Rocky Mountain Land Library.

Scope of Work: Volunteers reroofed the cookhouse using cedar shingles and the bunkhouse using asphalt shingles, learning how to:

- Strip roof of asphalt or cedar shingles
- Repair roof deck, as needed
- Install an ice and water shield and cedar breather
- Inspect and repair flashing around vent stacks and chimneys
- Install cedar and asphalt shingles, and cedar and metal ridge caps


Here's a great article written for the New York Times by volunteer Allison Amend: http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/01/travel/lending-a-library-a-hand-in-colorado.html?_r=0