Canyon de Chelly, Arizona

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Project Partner: Canyon de Chelly National Monument

History: Thunderbird Log Barn is located within the Navajo Nation and is situated near the mouth of Canyon de Chelly, a nationally significant archeological district. In the 19th and early 20th century, the area was a hub for traders and merchants. One trader built the log barn for storage space in the early 20th century, and a small community developed around it. In 1931, Canyon de Chelly became a National Monument, and the Navajo Nation and the National Park Service (NPS) administer the park jointly.

Scope of Work: Volunteers stabilized the Thunderbird Log Barn and learned how to:
- Remove destructive vegetation and positively grade around the building
- Remove and replace rotted logs
- Replace broken and missing collar ties on roof rafters
- Remove interior wall board
- Remove concrete flooring and restore earthen floor

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