Hahns Peak Lookout Tower, Colorado  August 30 - September 25, 2015

Project Partner: Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest

**History:** Hahns Peak, known traditionally as Old Baldy, was named after Joseph Henn who discovered gold on the mountain in 1862. He died of starvation and exposure in 1867 after mining gold on the mountain. Constructed in 1912, the Hahns Peak Lookout Tower stands as a testament to the early mission of the Forest Service to protect and conserve forest lands, requiring more than one ton of cement and building materials to be packed up to the 10,759 foot-high site! The foundation was constructed of broken rocks laid in cement, and the doors and windows were framed dimensional lumber. The original watchers, often teachers who spent their summers working in the tower, were supplied with a cook stove, a mine-set telephone, detailed maps and an Osborne Fire Finder, hauled to the site by packhorses.

Hahns Peak is one of Colorado’s Endangered Places, a program of Colorado Preservation Inc.

**Scope of Work:** HistoriCorps returned to Hahns Peak for a third season. We continued to stabilize and restore the structure. Volunteers learned to:

- Replace roofing material
- Rehabilitate floor structure and wall framing
• Lay tongue and groove fir flooring
• Window and door framing
• Rehabilitate stairs and railings

HistoriCorps is mentioned in these two media outlets for our work at Hahn’s Peak:


Fire Lookout Tower Still Sits On Top Of Hahn’s Peak

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