Hirz Lookout, CA  June 4 - 9, 2017

PROJECT PARTNER: Shasta-Trinity National Forest

PROJECT SITE DESCRIPTION:
Located amid the stunning and diverse beauty of northern California perches the Hirz Lookout. Volunteers on this project will enjoy the 360-degree view from the tower. What we today call Hirz Mountain held special significance for the area’s Wintu tribe, but its modern name comes from Henry Hirz, a miner who came to the area in the 1860s. According to the Forest Service, “when the lookout was built, it was originally a structure that sat on the ground. The mountain was a strategic location for detecting fires because it had a direct view into the headwaters of the McCloud River and most of its tributaries. In 1937, the Forest Service and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) rebuilt the Hirz Mountain Lookout cabin and included a garage and
outhouse. It was one of the last CCC-era lookouts to be built. In 1949, a steel tower was added, constructed of a steel K-brace tower that stands 20 feet above ground level” (source).

You can learn more about the Hirz Lookout from the US Forest Service here.

**WHAT:** In order to rehabilitate the lookout and prepare it for overnight rentals, volunteers worked closely with field staff to learn new skills and techniques, including:

- Repairing and restoring the lookout’s cedar-shingle roof
- Reframing one of its walls

**WHERE:** Trinity County, Shasta-Trinity National Forest, CA. The Hirz Lookout is located near the McCloud Arm of Shasta Lake. View a map of the lookout’s location here.

**GPS Coordinates:** 40.897068, -122.245801

Nearest town: Redding, CA is about 45 minutes from the campground (map). This is a large city and has all amenities.

Watch a video about the Shasta-Trinity National Forest here!

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