

Hirz Lookout, CA 2018

October 23-November 4, 2018

PROJECT SITE DESCRIPTION:

This project was originally scheduled for September 2018, but due to wildfire activity was necessarily rescheduled for October 2018.



Hirz Mountain Lookout is located amidst the stunning and diverse beauty of northern California's Shasta Trinity National Forest. 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](#).

SCOPE OF WORK: In order to rehabilitate the lookout and prepare it for overnight rentals, volunteers worked closely with field staff to learn historic preservation skills and techniques, including:

1. Repair and rehabilitate windows and shutters: 25%
2. Install new flooring: 20%
3. Rehabilitate cabinets: 15%
4. Repair and repaint siding: 15%
5. Install new fencing on catwalk railing and repaint: 15%
6. Replace deteriorated walkboards and repaint: 5%
7. Replace deteriorated door: 5%

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](#).

LODGING/CAMPING: Volunteers were able to either stay in the nearby Hirz Cabin, or camp onsite in a tent or small RV/trailer. Details about the cabin can be found [here](#).