Project Partner: Tahoe National Forest

History: In 1908, the Tahoe National Forest’s Sierra Ranger District purchased land to build an administrative site. Already occupied by a residence built in 1907, the Forest Service added a bunkhouse, a barn, and shed to the property. The Civilian Conservation Corps constructed a garage for the complex during the 1930s. When the Downieville and Sierra Ranger Districts incorporated each other in 1946, Wild Plum was used as a guard station for a fire crew and employee housing until it was abandoned in the early 1980s.

The Wild Plum complex currently suffers from a lack of maintenance and vandalism. The Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) wants to repurpose the buildings as a permanent base camp. The 1907 residence is intended to be adapted into a cookhouse to provide meals for volunteers.

Scope of Work: To prepare the former residence to be re-purposed into a cookhouse, volunteers learned how to:

- Rehabilitate the window sashes
- Repair exterior doors
- Restore the front porch, stairs, and railings
- Replace missing and deteriorated shingle siding
- Repaint exposed exterior wood surfaces

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