PROJECT PARTNER: Tahoe National Forest

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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 fire crews and employee housing until it was abandoned in the early 1980s.

The Wild Plum complex currently suffers from a lack of maintenance and vandalism.

**WHAT:** Over the course of this project, volunteers worked closely with HistoriCorps field staff to learn new skills and preservation techniques. Work completed by volunteers included:

- **Garage**
  - Painted the exterior
  - Repaired the sill at the building’s base and its siding
  - Repaired a door
- **Blacksmith Shop**
  - Removed vegetation threatening the structure
  - Repaired and strengthened the building’s foundation
  - Repaired doors and siding
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  - Restored the building’s exterior
  - Repaired loose roofing
- **Barn**
  - Rehabilitated a lookout above the hayloft door

**WHERE:**
The project site is adjacent to the Wild Plum Campground, two miles east of Sierra City, CA. GPS coordinates are 39.566285, -120.598954.

Nearest Town: Sierra City, CA.

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