Wild Plum Guard Station, California  May 31 - June 19, 2016

Project partner: Tahoe National Forest

Scope of Work:

HistoriCorps returned to Wild Plum Guard Station in California for a second year of preservation work. In 2015, volunteers worked on the site’s main cabin. In the 2016 season, HistoriCorps preserved three outbuildings on site including a bunkhouse, garage and barn. Over the course of three weeks volunteers:

- Barn
  - Rehanged windows
  - Reconstructed doors
  - Replaced siding
  - Repainted exterior
- Bunkhouse
  - Rehabilitated windows and entry door
  - Plumbed the west wall
- Cleaned and painted interior
- Repainted exterior
- Garage
  - Removed cedar shingles
  - Reroofed

**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 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. The Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) plans re-purpose the buildings as a permanent base camp.

**Project Location:**

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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