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**Building Careers + Preserving History:
Training Tomorrow's Workforce at
Monte Cristo Guard Station**



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Who We Are

HistoriCorps is a national nonprofit dedicated to preserving historic places on public lands through volunteer-powered preservation projects.

Our Mission

Preserve historic resources
Engage volunteers and communities
Train future preservation practitioners
Support stewardship of public lands

Saving Places. Building Community. Preserving History.



Why What We Do Matters

Historic structures

Connect us to our shared heritage

Support recreation and tourism

Strengthen community identity

Preserve traditional building knowledge

Challenges

Preserve historic resources

Engage volunteers and communities

Train future preservation practitioners

Support stewardship of public lands



Dixie National Forest, UT

The HistoriCorps Model

A Unique Partnership Approach

Agency/Partner +
HistoriCorps Staff +
Volunteers +
Community Support =
Preservation Success

What We Bring

Preservation expertise
Project management
Volunteer recruitment
Field supervision
Safety and logistics



Our Impact

By the Numbers

Include current organizational statistics:

650+ preservation projects completed

2000+ Volunteers engaged

150,000+ Volunteer service hours

26 states and territories served

\$3M+ annual value of contributed labor

What We Bring

Preservation + trade expertise

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Volunteer recruitment

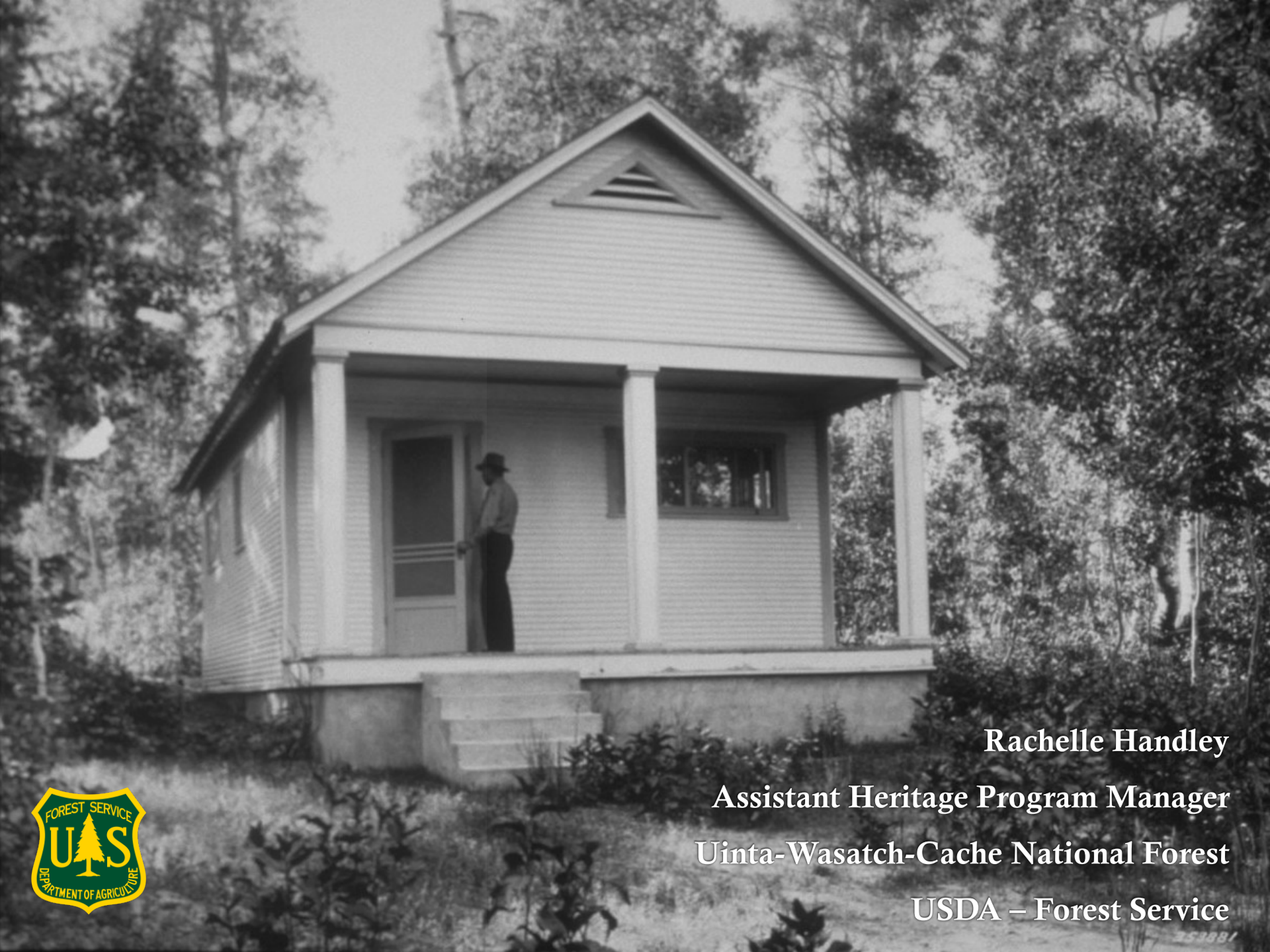
Field supervision

Safety and logistics





Monte Cristo Guard Station
Uinta-Wasatch Cache National Forest, UT



Rachelle Handley
Assistant Heritage Program Manager
Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest
USDA – Forest Service

Forest Service Facilities and History

◆ Administrative Sites:

- ◆ Supervisor's Offices
- ◆ Ranger Stations
- ◆ Work Centers
- ◆ Guard Stations
- ◆ Research Field Stations
- ◆ Lookouts



Spruces Pavillion being built in the 1930s

Administrative Eras

- ◆ The Department of the Interior Era 1891-1904
- ◆ The Pinchot and Progressive Eras 1905-1932
- ◆ The New Deal Era 1933-1942
- ◆ The World War II Era 1942-1946
- ◆ The Post-War Era 1947-1960's

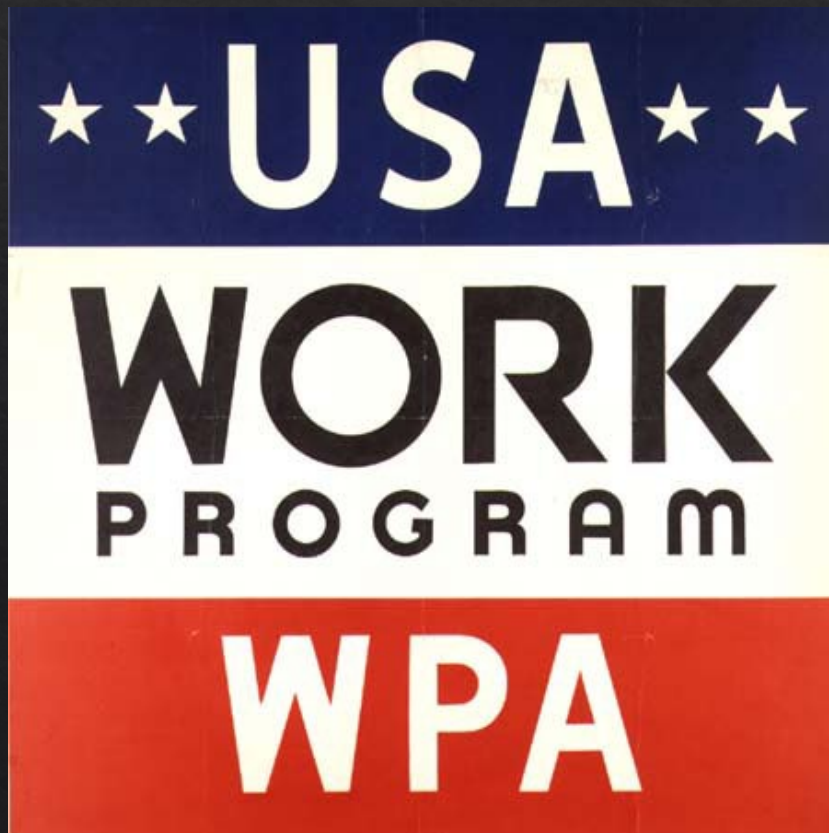


Remaining Historic Administrative Buildings by Era

Administrative Unit	1891-1904	1905-1932	1933-1942	1943-1946	1947-1960+	Total
Logan Ranger District	-	6	11	-	1	18
Ogden Ranger District	-	2	4	-	1	7
Salt Lake Ranger District	-	-	10	-	4	14
Kamas Ranger District	-	-	9	-	2	11
Evanston Ranger District	-	1	9	-	3	13
Mountain View Ranger District	-	3	14	-	5	22
Pleasant Grove Ranger District	-	-	7	-	4	11
Spanish Fork Ranger District	-	-	5	-	4	9
Heber Ranger District	-	4	-	-	2	6
Total	0	16	69	0	29	111

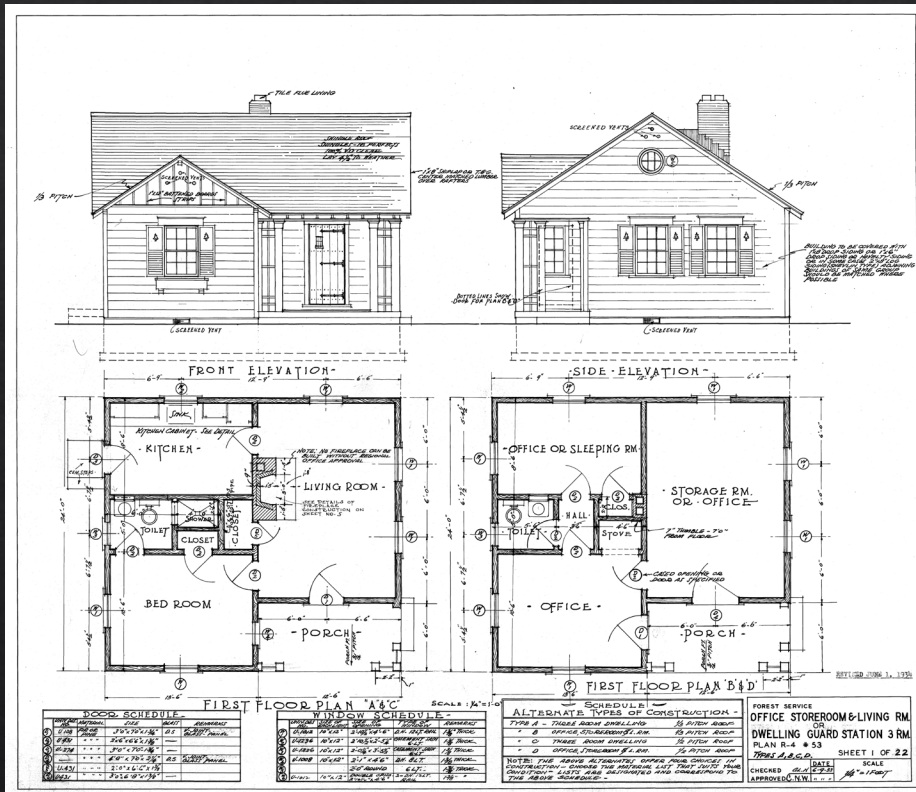
Criterion A

The New Deal



Criterion C

Forest Service Architecture



Blacksmith Fork Guard Station
Standard Plan R-4 #53
and photograph post construction in 1934



Guard Stations



“To many people, the rustic imagery of the CCC era remains the most positive image for the built environment of the Forest Service. Perhaps this image remains popular because of its strong relation to the natural, cultural, and economic context; its reflections of a frontier past; and the humanizing aspects of handcrafted buildings.”

USDA FS - The Built
Environment Image Guide



Benmore Guard Station Decommissioned



Rehabilitation = Use = Preservation

The buildings no longer have regular use by FS personnel.



Regular use results in continued preservation.



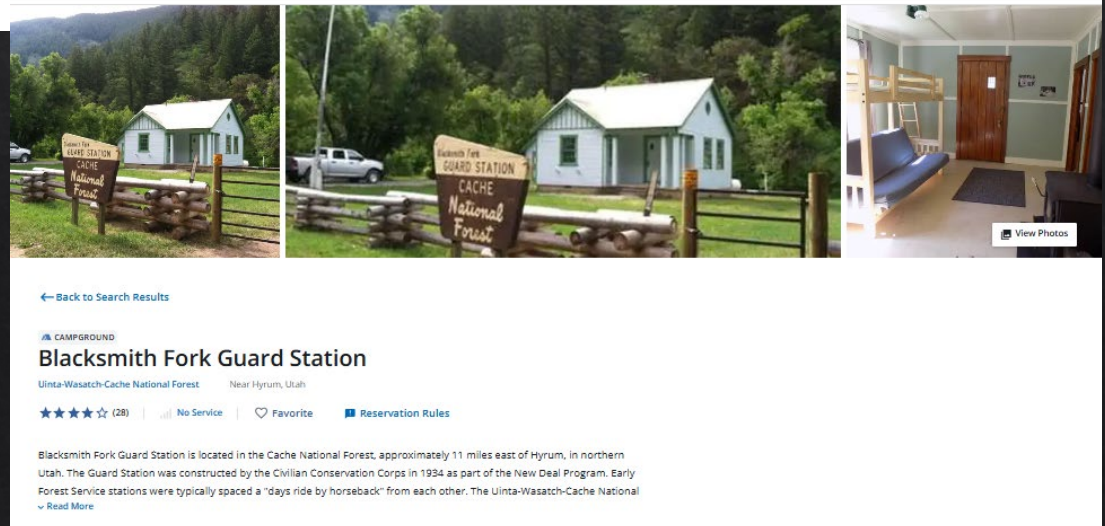
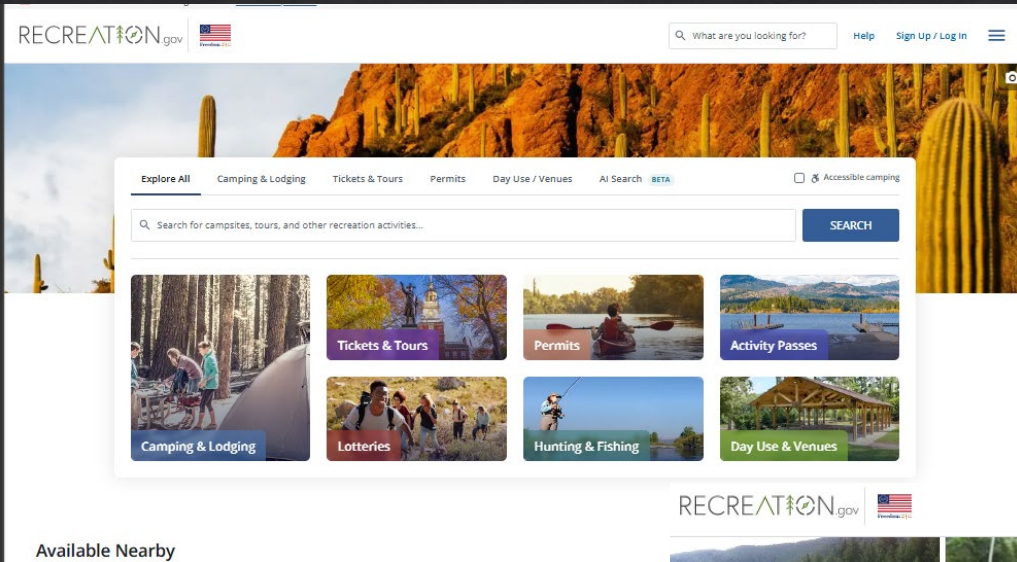
The public needs more recreation opportunities.



Rehabilitation of buildings for public use through recreation.gov



Use of buildings by public helps to preserve through use and revenue.



UWCNF - 11 Rental Sites Selected



Rehabilitation Funds

- ◆ 5% of all Funds Collected Through REA go into a Regional Fund.
- ◆ UWC received \$20,000 grant to begin restoration.



A small but mighty preservation team!

A recreation guy, an engineer and an archaeologist walk into a historic building.



Blacksmith Fork Guard Station



Blacksmith Fork - Before



Blacksmith Fork - After



Revenue collected through REA

Blacksmith Fork Guard Station bring in approximately 10k annually.





1930s – Post original construction



2000s – Post bad 1990s renovations

Monte Cristo Guard Station –
We need help!

Monte Cristo Guard Station – Preservation Needs



Partnership with HistoriCorps and Weber Basin Job Corps

Partner with HistoriCorps



Job Corps Program



New Deal CCC to Modern Job Corps Program



- ◆ **Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC)**
- ◆ Era: 1933–1942 (Created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt – New Deal)
- ◆ Target Audience: Unemployed, unmarried men aged 18–25 from relief families.
- ◆ Structure: Quasi-military organization
- ◆ Core Focus: Manual labor focused on natural resource conservation, reforestation, and public land infrastructure.
- ◆ Legacy: Planted more than 3 billion trees, built thousands of miles of trails, developed recreation as we now know it.



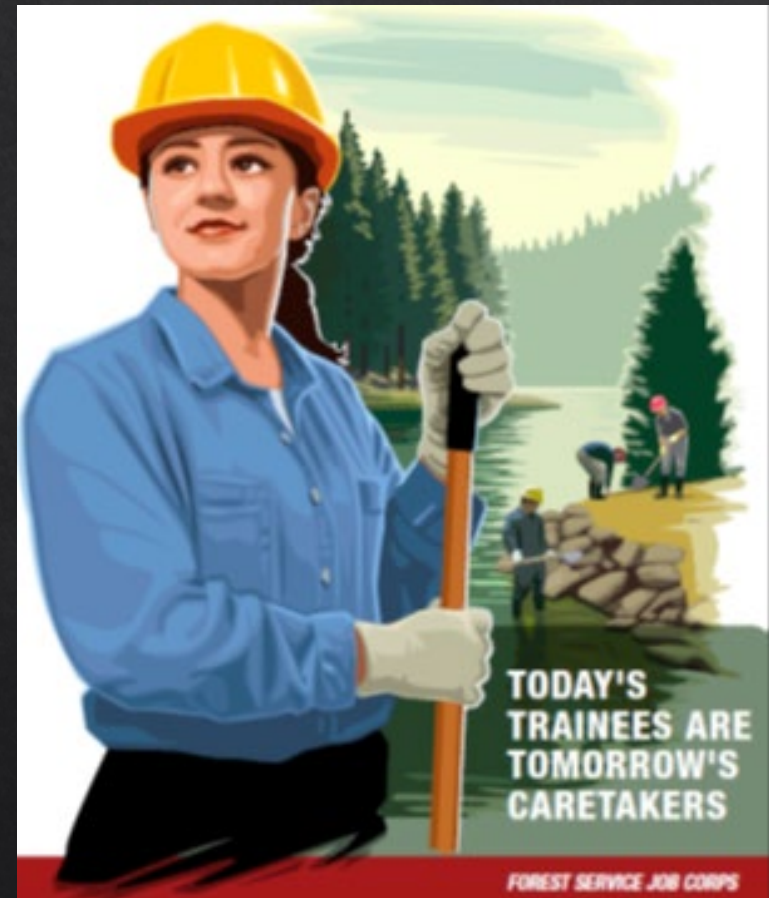
New Deal CCC to Modern Job Corps Program

- ◆ **Modern Job Corps Programs**
- ◆ **Era:** 1964–Present (Created by President Lyndon B. Johnson's Economic Opportunity Act)
- ◆ **Target Audience:** Eligible youth and young adults aged 16–24.
- ◆ **Structure:** Nationwide residential and non-residential career training centers managed by the U.S. Department of Labor.
- ◆ **Core Focus:** Vocational training (e.g., culinary arts, construction, healthcare), basic education, and independent living skills.



Forest Service Job Corps Center Emphasis

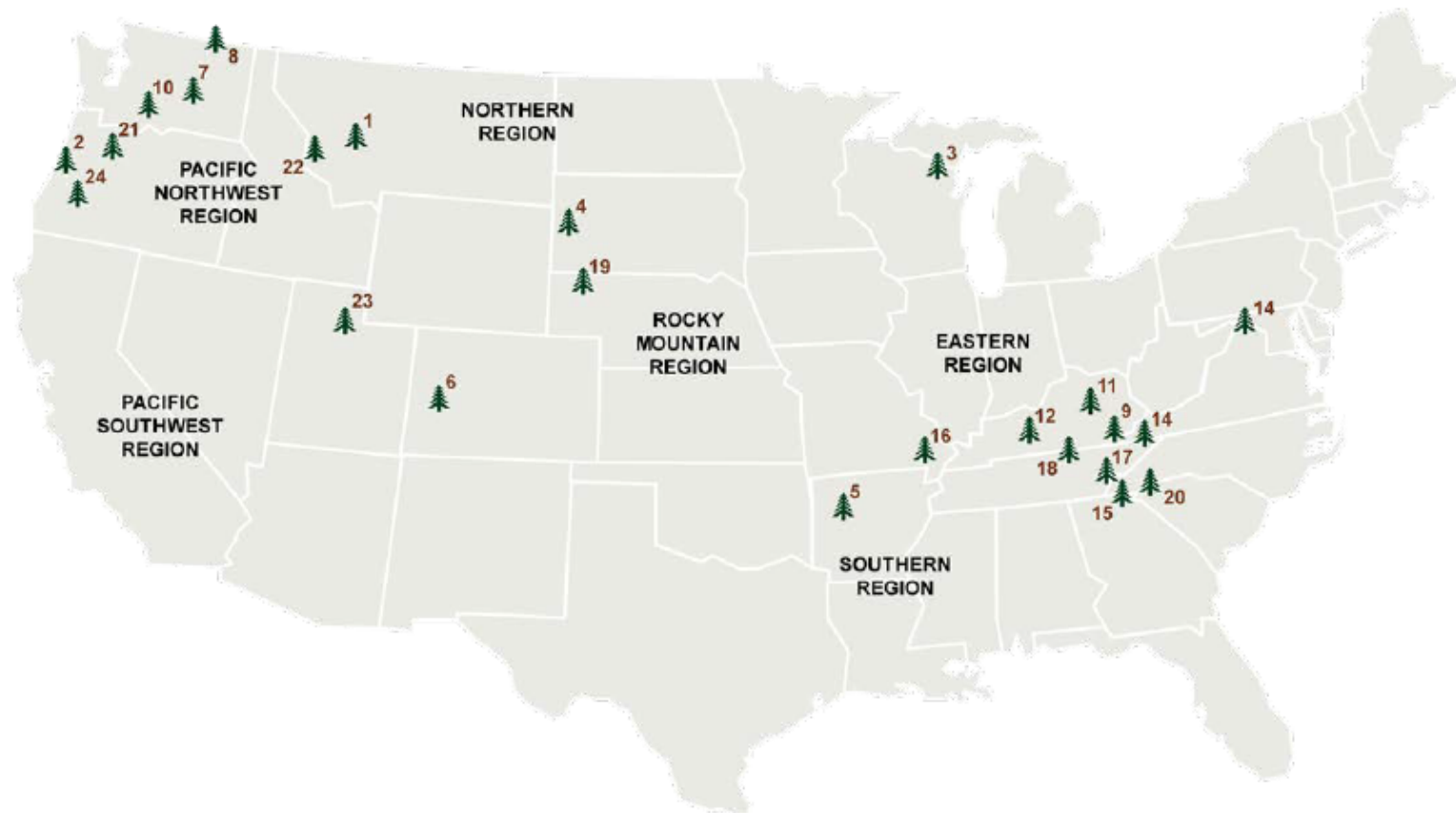
- ◆ **Focus & Training:** Emphasizes forestry, wildland firefighting, and natural resources, alongside traditional trades like construction and culinary arts.
- ◆ **Size:** Smaller, typically ranging from 100 to 250 students per center.
- ◆ **Work Experience:** Students frequently participate in community outreach, conservation projects, and fire crews.
- ◆ **Career Alignment:** Graduates are encouraged to transition into roles with the Forest Service or other land management agencies.



24 Forest Service Centers

CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CENTERS

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|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Anaconda | 6. Collbran | 11. Frenchburg | 16. Mingo | 21. Timber Lake |
| 2. Angell | 7. Columbia Basin | 12. Great Onyx | 17. Oconaluftee | 22. Trapper Creek |
| 3. Blackwell | 8. Curlew | 13. Harpers Ferry | 18. Pine Knot | 23. Weber Basin |
| 4. Boxelder | 9. Flatwoods | 14. Jacobs Creek | 19. Pine Ridge | 24. Wolf Creek |
| 5. Cass | 10. Fort Simcoe | 15. Lyndon B. Johnson | 20. Schenck | |





Chad Hembree
Lead Instructor
Carpentry Program
Weber Basin Job Corps



Weber Basin Job Corps Center Located at the mouth of Weber Canyon





Weber Basin Job Corps 1964

Weber Basin Job Corps 2025



WBJC Programs

- ◆ Advanced Emergency Dispatch
- ◆ Forestry Conservation and Firefighting
- ◆ Culinary Arts
- ◆ Welding
- ◆ Facilities Maintenance
- ◆ Electrical, Pre-Apprentice
- ◆ Carpentry, Pre-Apprentice

Programs that have helped with Forest cabin restoration projects.





WBJC – Carpentry, Pre-Apprentice Program

- ❖ Pre-apprenticeships are focused on preparing students for success in a Registered Apprenticeship Program.
- ❖ Hands-on training is based on industry standards to prepare students for high-skill, quality employment.
- ❖ Program provides experience working on buildings and other infrastructure projects.
- ❖ Students learn how to measure, cut and install wood, metal and other construction materials using hand and power tools.
- ❖ Students learn how to frame walls based on drawings/blueprints, build concrete forms, install drywall and ceilings, and perform other commercial carpentry tasks.

Career Tracts

- ◆ Most Pre-Apprentice graduates go on to work in union commercial carpentry jobs while attending a Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP).
- ◆ Others pursue careers in residential carpentry or other public- and private-sector jobs.
- ◆ The partnership with HistoriCorps working on Forest Service projects, provides another avenue for students to pursue jobs in historic preservation.



Forest Service Projects – Toilet Buildings



Forest Service Projects – New Toilet for Tony Grove Guard Station



Forest Service Projects – New and Old Toilet Buildings



Forest Service Projects – Card Guard Station - Electrical



Forest Service Projects – Monte Cristo Guard Station





Dane Cowin
Preservation Project Supervisor
HistoriCorps



2024

Exterior View
Before Project





2024

Interior Views
Before Project



2024
Interior SOW





2024
Exterior SOW











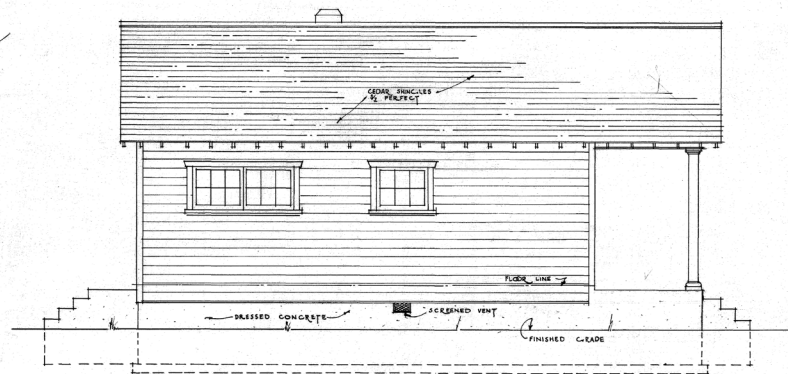


2024
After Interior
Completed Work

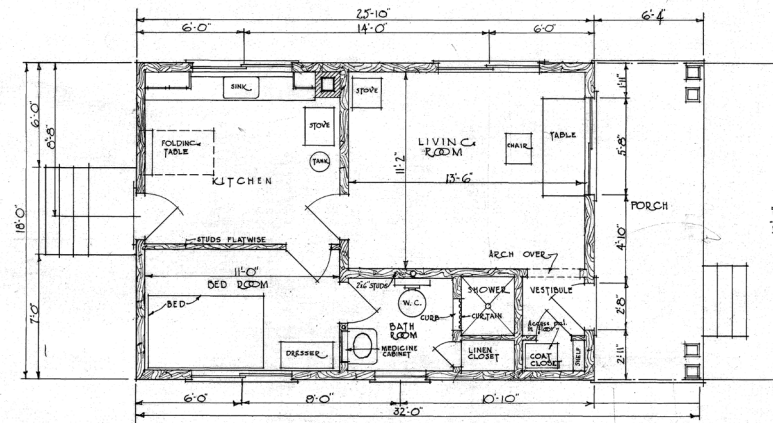


2024
After Exterior
Completed Work

2025 Phase I – Building Reproduction Windows



SIDE ELEVATION
SCALE $\frac{1}{4}$ "=1'-0"



FLOOR PLAN
SCALE $\frac{1}{4}$ "=1'-0"

FOREST SERVICE	
DWELLING GUARD STATION WITH SHOWER AND TOILET ROOM	
PLAN R-4 #7 ALTERNATE 1 SHEET 1 OF 3	
CHECKED <i>BLN</i>	DATE <i>4-2-30</i>
APPROVED <i>W</i>	SCALE $\frac{1}{4}$ "=1'-0"

Reference to original 1930s engineered drawings.



Measurements on existing vinyl windows.



Example from another building with original windows.



UTAH JOB CORPS WORKS
So do their GRADUATES

ODANIS RAMOS
2018-2019
Camp Odanis



2025 Phase II – Removal of vinyl
windows and installation of
reproduction windows.













and After

Before



and After



2024 Students



2025 Students

Student Experience

Carla Garcia



Gage Younger



Interested in hiring a
Weber Basin Job Corps
Student?

Contact: Chad Hembree

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Partnership – Next Steps

**Future goals of
this partnership.**

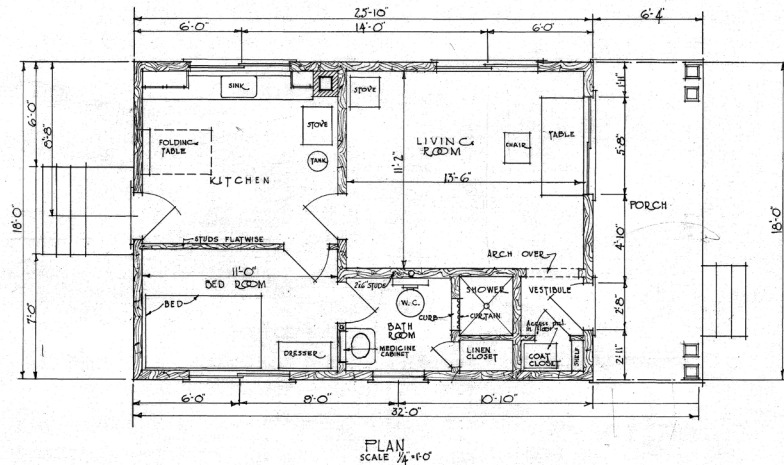
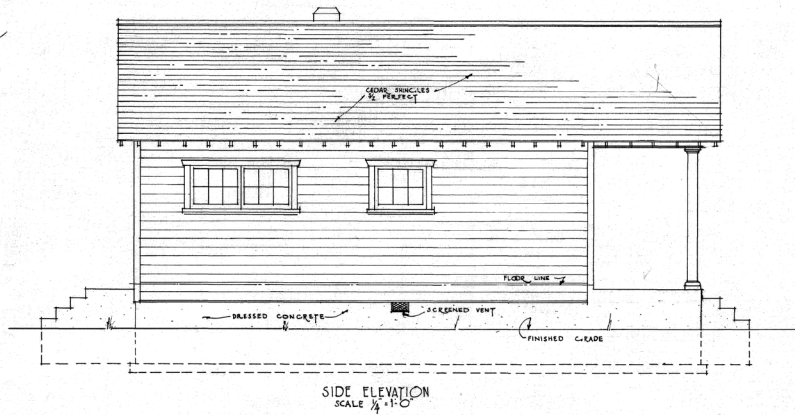


**Doors – Interior
and Exterior**



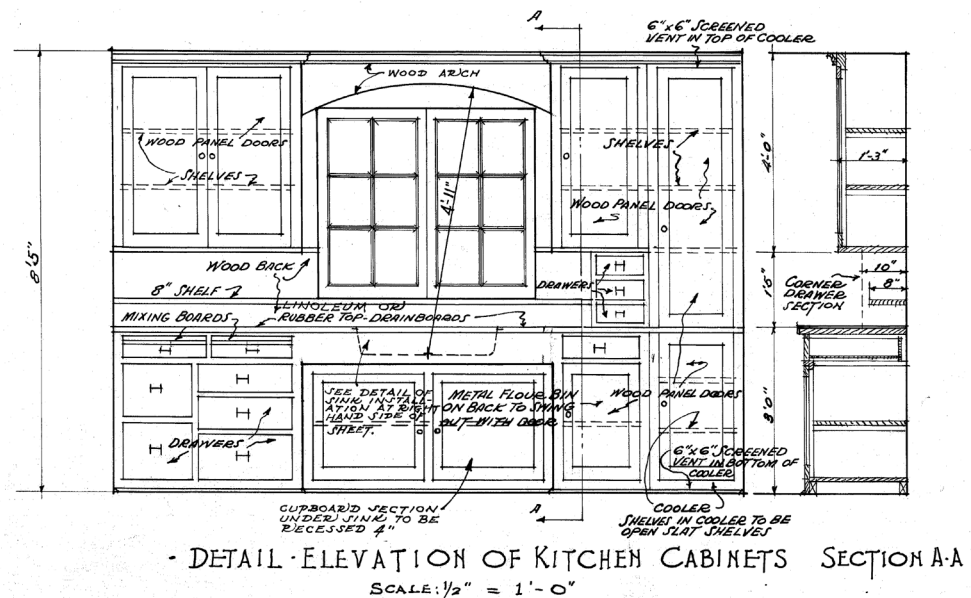
**Front
Window**





Cabinets

Future goals of
this partnership.





Other work for the site...build new toilet.





Other work for the
site...fix old toilet.



Questions?

Monte Cristo
GUARD STATION

CACHE

*National
Forest*