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Restoration of iconic structures in Denver Mountain Parks

[Denver, CO] — Denver-based non-profit HISTORICORPS has joined the effort to preserve iconic structures in Denver Mountain Parks. Work began April 17 on the restoration of Little Park Wellhouse, widely considered to have been designed by noted Colorado architect J.J.B. Benedict. The project includes the reconstruction of a cupola which was removed from the building during the 1930s. In the course of the summer, three more structures, "O'Fallon Chimney and Memorial" and the wellhouses at Bergen and Fillius Parks will also be restored.

HistoriCorps is partnering with the City and County of Denver on all four projects. Additional support is provided by Denver Mountain Parks Foundation which since 2004 has been actively engaged in assisting projects aimed at the revitalization of Denver Mountain Parks. DMPF was a pivotal supporter of the recently passed General Obligation Bond which directed \$2,000,000 to Denver Mountain Parks. It is anticipated that these projects will represent the initial phase of a multi-year program of rehabilitating historic structures throughout the Mountain Park system.

HistoriCorps is a nationally-recognized organization whose mission is to save and sustain historic places for public benefit through partnerships that foster public involvement, engage volunteers and provide training and education. All work is performed in compliance with The *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*, the national standard for historic preservation.

The work will be conducted by volunteers working under the direction of a seasoned preservation professional (project supervisor) and crew leader. Little Park Wellhouse will finish on May 6. O'Fallon Chimney runs four weeks beginning May 29, and Bergen and Fillius Wellhouses are scheduled for three weeks beginning July 11.

Volunteers commit to a week of work. Meals and camping accommodations are provided. Volunteer spots are still available in June and July.

The Denver Mountain Parks System is one of the great civic achievements of Denver. Between the original acquisition of land (Genesee Park) in 1912 and the capstone achievement of Red Rocks Amphitheatre in 1941 great swathes of the "sublime scenery of the Rockies" were preserved in perpetuity for the residents of the city. In 1990 the Denver Mountain Parks System, in its entirety, was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Information about volunteering is available from **Liz Rice**, Volunteer Workforce Manager, at (720) 287-0100 x 231 or lrice@historicorps.org. More information on the projects is at <https://historicorps.org/preservation-projects/>.

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