Crested Butte & Denver Rio Grande Railroad Depot

REHABILITATION TALE

Phase I
Repairing Roof and Brackets
2012-2013

Phase 1 work on the Depot's exterior began in 2012. The magnificent brackets that support the roof overhangs were carefully stabilized and failing wood studs were replaced with steel columns and bracket supports. Damaged wood brackets were rehabilitated or reconstructed, as needed. The milled shingle roof was replaced with the addition of blown-in insulation and underlayment. Rotten fascia boards, decorative wood shingles and the signature sunbursts in the gable ends were also repaired or replaced.







Phase II
Windows, Floors, Wainscotings & Doors
2014-2015

Phase II involved preservation of wood surfaces including exterior and interior wood finishes and rehabilitation of windows, doors and floors.Many of the wainscoting boards were numbered, removed for restoration and reinstalled. The building was tented and several layers of old paint removed. The Depot was then repainted to match the historic light yellow and brown color scheme. The east hallway doors were carefully repaired and all windows painstakingly rehabilitated.
All are now operational. Custom-made storm windows and screens were added to enhance energy efficiency. To restore the freight room floor, critical sections of gnarled wood planks were flipped to expose their undamaged undersides.

Phase III
Foundation Stabilization
2015-2016

The third and final phase began in 2015 and involved foundation stabilization. The foundation under the south wall of the section house required the most extensive work. The freight room's sandstone foundation was repaired and repointed and work under the north office leveled the formerly uneven floor. Decking and entry landings were replaced and accessibility improvements made, including construction of a ramp to the freight room's ADA compliant west cargo door. To help prevent future damage to the foundation, the perimeter of the building was regraded to improve drainage.



A LOOK BACK IN TIME

1880	Town of Crested Butte is incorporated
1881	First train arrives
1883	Crested Butte Depot is constructed
1952	Big Mine closed
1954	Depot operations ceased
1955	Tracks are removed / C.T. "Ralph" McCandless (final stationmaster) and family purchase the Depot
1972	Depot purchased by the Clark family
1974	Building gifted to Crested Butte Society of the Arts
2001	Building listed in National Register of Historic Places
2005	Building is gifted to the Town of Crested Butte

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