



# Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps

*Building a Pathway to the Preservation Trades*



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## **Northern Bedrock works to preserve the historic Halfway Ranger Station.**

Ely, MN Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps (Northern Bedrock) is working with the LogDoc, Joe Gallagher, of Heritage Preservation Resources Inc., to provide training and work with corpsmembers to repair rotting logs, fascia boards and windows on various buildings throughout the Halfway Ranger Station Historic District. Corpsmembers along with Joe Gallagher will be onsite starting Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> through June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Gallagher was employed by the U.S. Forest Service for 30+ years and is educated in archaeology and historic preservation. His company, Heritage Preservation Resources Inc., focuses on opportunities to extend the life of 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century structures. Gallagher will be working to train and provide hands on experience to Northern Bedrock's crew of young adults on the skills necessary to preserve these structures.

The Halfway Ranger Station Historic District (HRSHD) is located on the South Kawishiwi River, 12 miles south of Ely, MN. The Historic District consists 12 structures, including seven log buildings constructed in 1934 by locally based Civilian Conservation Corps companies. From at least 1910 until 1950, the site was the location for the Halfway Ranger Station of the Superior National Forest. Management of the site was taken over by the Northern Research Station in 1968 and utilized by federal biologists conducting long-term large mammal research. In 2015, Northern Bedrock assumed management of the site through an agreement with the USDA Forest Service. Northern Bedrock is actively working to restore the historic district.

Halfway Ranger Station  
12223, MN-1, Ely, MN 55731  
June 21-28, 2017 | 9:00am – 5:30pm

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### **About Northern Bedrock**

Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps was established in 2011 to meet two converging needs: an aging stock of historic structures and landscapes in need of maintenance and repair, and a growing need to create a pathway for young adults into the preservation trades workforce. Northern Bedrock utilizes a corps model and partners with trades professionals to provide young adults with hands on experience and training in the historic preservation trades. Our AmeriCorps program works with young adults, 18-25 years old, from across the region. Corpsmembers work at project sites across Minnesota and receive training in a variety of preservation areas over a six month field season. Northern Bedrock is a member of The Corps Network. Learn more about Northern Bedrock at [northernbedrockcorps.org](http://northernbedrockcorps.org)

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