



A, D, E, F, H, & J. SEEDHOUSE CAMPGROUND OUTHOUSE
Routt National Forest, Seedhouse Road, north of Clark

The Seedhouse Campground Outhouse Rustic Style of Architecture, four-seater, brown-painted-log vault outhouse is the last standing structure in the Routt National Forest built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) circa 1935. The CCC was one of the agencies established by the federal government due to socio-economic impacts of the Great Depression. The Corps, men mainly between the ages of 18 and 25, were asked to serve their country by conserving its farms, forests, parks, and grazing lands. Recruits were paid \$30 per month, \$25 of which was sent home to dependents. Enrollees received free housing, meals, health care, basic education, and government-issue clothing. As well as the construction of buildings, the CCC, which had three different camps in the Routt National Forest, built trails, dams, and other structures in the area, and did reseeded, tree-planting, and fire-fighting. The building, which resembles a cabin at first glance, has a hip-on-gable roof, open eaves, original frosted-snowflake-pattern glass windows, and a ventilation cupola; uses natural materials, and is unique in that it was probably built from a kit, a major construction innovation for the time period. An exact duplicate structure located at Fish Creek Falls in Steamboat Springs, has been torn down. As many as 153 kits were assembled in South Fork, Colorado, by CCC Camp F-49-C, and shipped to many national forest campgrounds. As well as its association with the CCC, the building symbolizes the beginning of the recreation era that significantly affects the County's economy. The State Historical

Preservation Office established that out of 117 potentially eligible outhouses built in Colorado between 1930 and 1940, the Seedhouse Campground Outhouse is the only building listed as being constructed by the Corps. The area was named after the building constructed near the Ranger's Guard Station (See below) in which tree seedlings were raised for re-forestation of areas within the Routt National Forest.