The wavy east wall was pushed out of shape by the collapse of the foundation.





Cattle had completely destroyed the wall beneath the west front window.

For half a century the interior had been a shelter for livestock, crows, and other animals.





The building's roof sagged from decades of unchecked wind, rain and snow.



racing imminent collapse when

acquired in early 2018 by the Route

to begin that fall.

Courtesy Terry Drewitz

66 Co-Op, a U.S. Park Service grant with contracting and preservation and other fundraising efforts allowed experience, along with other relevant stabilization work of the trading post skill sets, but no one involved had attempted such a challenge. The budget discouraged hiring the work done, recades of soil erosion, wind, and but networking led to other preservawater had opened the roof and tionists who had made careers of savcaused the walls to sag from a dising similarly distressed landmarks. integrating foundation, which was Consultations with them generated the nothing more than a concrete curb knowledge needed to produce both sitting on the ground. Roof rafters were confidence and a plan, although rotted, and exterior walls had been improvisation proved to be a daily damaged by cattle. The site's remote ingredient once work got underway. location created logistical challenges, requiring that a generator and water With few exceptions, the rescue was completed by a spirited crew of allbe brought in, and that equipment and materials be transported from volunteer labor, and a successful Albuquerque and Gallup, New Mexico. outcome was ultimately achieved.

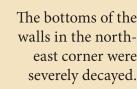
Mo-op members included those





Interior view of the northwest corner, where erosion below the slab caused it to break under the weight of livestock.

The southeast corner had slumped a full sixteen inches from the level of the slab floor, creating a serious threat to the structure's stability.







The foundation had completely fallen away from the building's northwest corner.

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