

View From the Top

Moose Ridge Lodge captures a sense of tranquility in Big Sky, Montana

Photography by Mike Haring

*A*midst the bustle and flow of a boomtown Moose Ridge Lodge in Big Sky, Montana, tries to find a peaceful balance. Designed and built by The Lone Pine Group, the four bedroom, five bath home was constructed with utmost care for its natural setting, with unmatched quality and attention to detail. Located in Summit View, Moose Ridge Lodge sits on 1.67 acres, with the dramatic Lone Peak squarely in its sights. Surrounded by a 340 acre nature conservancy that is home to Montana wildlife, it also has access to the 254,288 acre Lee Metcalf Wilderness area, yet is steps away from the civility of Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort.

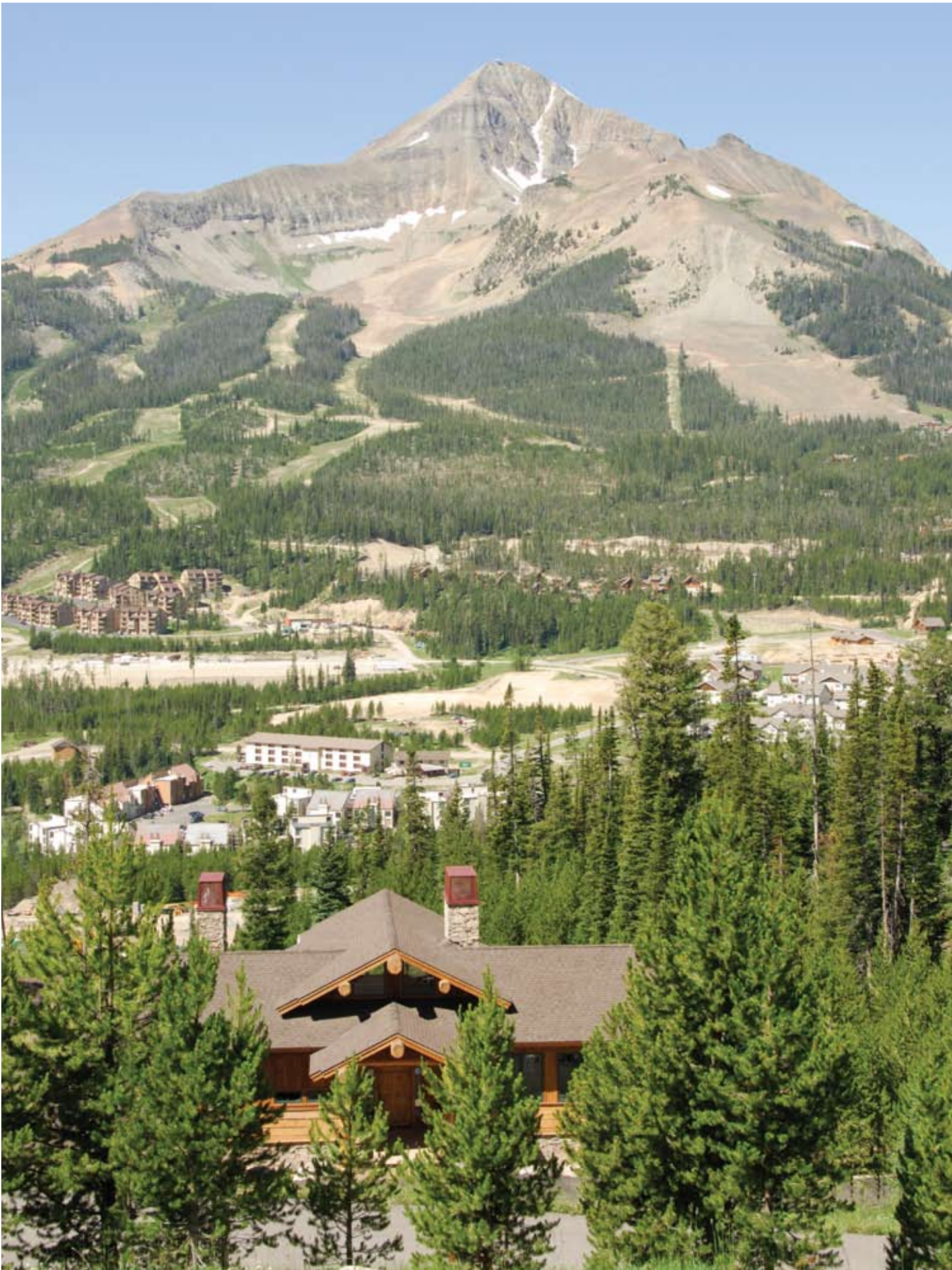
Blending the natural elements of stone, fir, cedar, and

pine, the exterior of Moose Ridge Lodge architecturally connects the home to surrounding boulders and Lone Peak. The design celebrates the outdoors and offers fantastic views from a wrap-around deck and patio. With signature attention to detail, Lone Pine Group installed a Bullfrog™ brand hot tub into the stamped concrete patio with the lounge seat oriented toward Lone Peak. A beautiful slanted roof of glass covers the tub and adds a dramatic architectural element to the home's exterior. While the tub is protected from the elements—the view of the stars and mountains at night is enveloping.

The architectural emphasis on nature and scenery continues from exterior to interior. Walking across the bridge entry,

Below: The Lone Pine Group used stone, cedar, fir and pine on the exterior of the Moose Ridge Lodge.
Right: Dramatic views of Lone Mountain are visible from every room in the house.







through the heavy, handcrafted door into the foyer brings you face to face with Lone Peak in all its grandeur. A wall of windows presents the majestic view from the first step through the front door to the living room, dining room, and kitchen. Architectural detail presents itself again in the lines of the ceiling, timbers, and the structure itself, echoing the shape of the distinctive mountain.

Moose Ridge Lodge is custom-built to be a gathering place. Designed specifically for families and friends, the home is suited for entertaining large groups of people. At 3,900 square feet, Moose Ridge Lodge accommodates large groups without feeling crowded. The openness of the floor plan allows free movement throughout the main living space. Common elements such as the accent timbers reclaimed from an Idaho barn, pine columns, and handscraped hickory flooring visually connect the three rooms. These elements, in addition to the wood-burning, floor to ceiling stone fireplace create a rich, warm atmosphere perfect for quiet weekends, for relaxing after a rigorous day on the slopes, or for hosting large-scale or intimate cocktail parties.

The lower level features a large family room with a prominent stone fireplace and a one-of-a-kind, built-in wet bar



Above: The stone used on the fireplace re-inforces the architectural accents used on the home's exterior.

Left: An open floor plan allows for comfort and coziness while entertaining.

that replicates a circa 1880s saloon. Designed for entertaining, the dark wood, custom detailing, and historical flair make this bar an exquisite conversation piece. Also utilitarian, it has a built-in dishwasher and wine cooler. Even the lower level, with its nine-foot-high ceilings, is centered on outstanding mountain vistas.

Open to the arresting views of Lone Peak, the master suite centers on this landmark mountain. Because of The Lone Pine Group's thoughtful attention to siting this home, the master bath still lends itself to a private soak in the jetted bathtub overlooking the peak. The luxurious bathroom includes a stunning, custom-tiled steam shower with rain forest shower head, double sinks and a dressing area. Three master bedrooms and a bunk room provide sleeping quarters for several couples or a few families.

Perfectly tailored to resort living, the attention to detail within Moose Ridge Lodge is evident throughout the house. Its Smart Home™ capability enables the homeowner to control interior temperatures, lighting throughout the house, and numerous electronics from one panel, as well as from outside of

the home. This is a groundbreaking technological feature for a vacation home, because it enables the owner to turn up the heat, turn on lights, or create a special mood with architectural lighting prior to arrival—from any location. The home is pre-wired for any technological additions the owner might want to make, but with the six-zone sound system, outdoor sound system, and Smart Home™ capability, nothing is lacking.

The Lone Pine Group designed and constructed Moose Ridge Lodge to exist in harmony with its natural surroundings as well as with the homeowner. Architectural lighting both inside and out highlights the vaults, beams, and design details for the most dramatic effect. Rocky Mountain Furniture provided custom wood trim and cabinetry, and a Montana artist created the custom interior and exterior light fixtures.

Moose Ridge Lodge is an example of quality architecture and construction. Based in Big Sky, the Lone Pine Group provides all of the necessary architectural and construction components for making a seamless transition between a dream home on paper to an actual dream home. **H**

— Anne Scott

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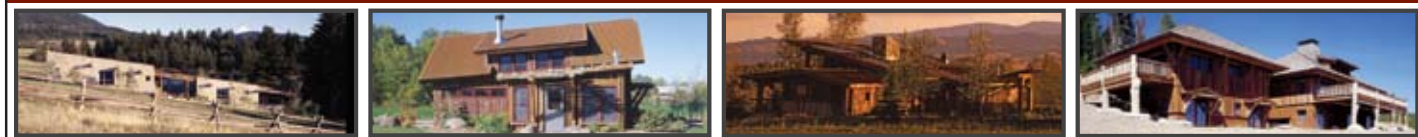
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