



A Colorado Off-Grid Masterpiece

When an adventure seeking family from the metro area of Denver wanted to build an off-grid, hunting retreat on a large acreage ranch they considered many styles of construction, but eventually settled on a handcrafted log home. After many months of research they decided the experience and knowledge that GreatLand Log Homes could provide was the right fit to make this dream come true. They were drawn to the rustic charm and beauty of the wood, and the natural thermal mass energy efficiency and durability of the large diameter Douglas fir logs. GreatLand Log Homes is known for their unique ability to tailor a log home specific for each homeowner and accommodate the design requirements of the land and building location. In their 26+ years of handcrafting log homes they have never built the same house twice.

The property the owners chose to build on had no access to any utilities making it a true “off-grid” setting. Everything from electricity, water, septic and communications had to be creatively designed. A photovoltaic solar system was built to handle the home’s electrical demands and all communications are provided through cellular networks. A water well was drilled and standard septic system installed, both of which work in conjunction with the solar system to operate as energy efficiently as possible.

Working with GreatLand’s in-house design and engineering team a custom layout was created to provide adequate space for the owners, their guests and most importantly – their dogs and hunting gear. Starting with GreatLand’s “Lake George” standard plan the main log home was expanded to add a mud room breezeway and

log post and beam garage. The resulting 2,576 square foot plan contains 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths. A large master bedroom and bath are located on the main floor with another spacious bedroom and bath on the upper floor. The interior offers diversity with a vaulted great room that has a fireplace, a sizeable loft that opens to below to provide airiness and a flow of natural light throughout the house. Three gable dormers make the space of this home feel even more significant. The covered decks are perfect for your rocking chair or porch swing. Because of the sloping grade of the property, an 1,120 square foot basement was incorporated that includes a rec room, additional bedroom and bath and mechanical/solar rooms. This customized plan is now the “Lake George II-G” standard plan and is perfect for taking in spectacular views and entertaining.



TOP: The warmth and beauty of the Doug fir logs combined with the stone hearth and wood stove make this living room the perfect gathering place.

OPPOSITE & LEFT: The elegant design with steep roof pitches, gable dormers with wrap-around decks and covered porches are ideal for capturing mountain views and enjoying this outdoor setting.

ABOVE: The open floor plan makes this great room a main attraction.



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