
LOG HOME LEGACY

CRYSTAL CREEK - ALMONT, COLORADO

Architect: Jennifer Hartman, Sunlit Architecture

Builder: Jason Kidd & Scott Hargrove, Hargrove & Kidd Construction

Interior Designer: Kori Keyser, Keyser Interiors

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Nestled in a spectacular canyon-like setting flanked by inspiring cliff walls and lush timbered hillsides sits a fishing community with established roots and exceptional fishing. Crystal Creek on the Tayler River is a 400-acre community located outside of the thriving resort community with some of the most productive trout habitat in the continental United States.

One of the few homes in Crystal Creek was built in the early 1980's by custom log craftsman Steve Cappellucci, and designed by architect Weldon Turner. Comprising 4700 square feet and a basement with an additional 2700 square feet. In 2017 the new homeowners saw the beauty of this home, the location, and all that the subdivision has to offer. The bones were there but it was time to take this home into the modern era and ensure that the splendor of this home would continue.

Architect Jennifer Hardman of Sunlit Architecture, out of Crested Butte, Colorado was enlisted and created a new vision for the home. Custom Home Builder, Jason Kidd of Hargrove & Kidd Construction, also out of Crested Butte, were next on the job to bring the new vision to reality. Interior designer Kori Keyer out of Maryland was the lead on interior design. The talent on the design and building team were superior and leaders in their respective trades. All who entered the home recognized the potential and craftsmanship in the original home but it was ready for a large scale renovation.

The big changes in the home:

- New façade, including adding five dormers and changing the roof line
- Addition of grand entry
- Sandblasting the exterior, removing the gold tone and changing to a rich brown with steel elements
- Add custom stairwell, that seconds as art in the home (steel stringers and open risers)
- Impeccable design, including custom cabinets, custom furniture

Before Pictures



After Pictures



Additional Information on the fishing in Crystal Creek Subdivision--

The fishing on the Taylor River, and more specifically the Crystal Creek section, is without question a 10 out of 10 by any angler's measure. The tailwater section of the river begins approximately 7 miles upstream as the cool water is released from the Taylor Park Reservoir. The 400-acre Crystal Creek community features water alive with voracious browns, acrobatic rainbows and eager cutthroat trout, nearly all of which are exceptionally large. Very few sections of river exist with all of the conditions precisely in concert necessary to recruit and hold the extensive numbers and size of cold water sport fish as Crystal Creek. There are consistent flows at precisely the right temperatures and an abundance of nutrient-rich aquatic insects steadily churning into, and reproducing in the system. This culmination of the right factors has resulted in one of the finest trout fisheries in the entire West – this legacy fishing paradise and sporting sanctuary.