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BRECKENRIDGE HOME FEATURES UNIQUE TWIST ON FAMILIAR MOUNTAIN DESIGN

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THE INSPIRATION FOR THIS HAMILTON COURT HOUSE came from two designers looking to put a unique twist on what is typically deemed a mountain getaway. Many homes in Summit County have a similar cozy, quaint log cabin feel complete with bear-embossed pillows and a "Gone Skiing" sign hanging in the foyer. Instead, this home in The Highlands in Breckenridge has modernized the idea of mountain retreat from the ground up. Using a stone basin in the half bath as a

sink and mining lanterns as light fixtures in the basement, a new sort of mountain retreat was born when Tim Gerken of bhh partners and Chris Canfield of ROCA Holdings – Developers, put their heads together.

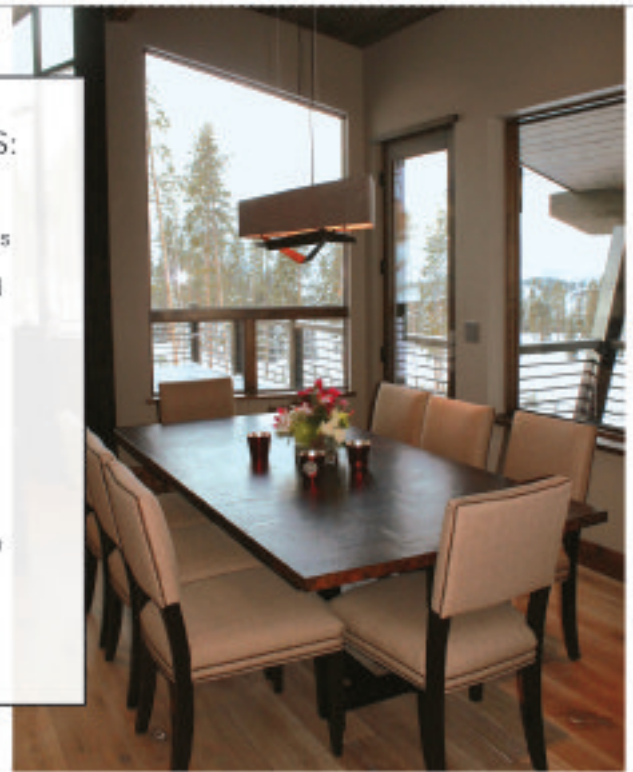
The street view sheds a little light on the clever use of various materials throughout the home. Angled industrial I-beams are used as pillars drawing the eye toward a steel door and unique vertical handle. I-beams are found again beneath windows, lining roof overhangs

and outlining the two-car garage and oversized storage area. However, where this 5,300 square-foot home truly shines is the backyard. Sitting on the golf course and Breckenridge Nordic trails, the sloped lot allows for a ground-level entry at both the main and lower level floors. The lot offers stunning mountain views spanning the Gore and Tenmile Range from the lower level bar and theater up to the living room, master bath and even the lofted upstairs office.



PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS: HAMILTON COURT

- 4 bedrooms & 4.5 bathrooms
- Heated outdoor seating and hot tub
- Golf course property
- Wine cellar
- Bar & pool table
- Modern suspended wooden stairs with I-beam supports
- Designed by bhh partners



Again using I-beams, the interior of the home boasts these subtle yet unique support structures as pillars, light fixtures and even the rails beneath each flight of stairs. The living room tactfully boasts a 60" horizontal gas fireplace, which negates the necessity for a view-obstructing chimney. Each window's design in the living room outlines a single individual mountain per pane. The mixture of textures between furniture creates a cozy yet chic feeling in this fun, futuristic 4-bedroom, 4.5-bath mountain home.

The kitchen is a work of art in itself. The open floor plan allows for socialization between the

living room and kitchen, with a large dining area for 10 and even small window nook for casual meals. A French oven, which opens similarly to French doors, is chest level, making baking and cooking easier in many ways. The massive island and tailored cabinets optimize storage and while you won't find a touch of granite in the home, you will find Silestone countertops. Approximately 95 percent quartz, Silestone offers a much harder countertop with contemporary lines and texture.

Below deck is an ideal playground for adults. The full bar and theater lighting are ideal for a movie premier or clinch-time game showing.

The outdoor hot tub and gas-heated seating area allow for outdoor entertainment even on a crisp Summit County night. When descending the stairs, the eye is drawn immediately to a glass wine cellar with a ceiling made of aged barrels and a swinging glass door to prevent heat from entering the preservative room. It'd be the envy of any wine connoisseur in the area.

The basement floor, while it appears to be slate, is actually comprised of two layers of concrete. The structural slab is placed first and atop that, the finished, textured slab stamped with a tile-like grid. This virtually eliminates maintenance in a room that receives a lot of foot traffic. Three bedrooms in the lower level also allow plenty of room for guests. Unique lighting touches such as mining lanterns in the bathroom help carry this rustic mountain feel across the floors.

The middle level features an open kitchen and open office with space for work, exercise, contemplation and relaxation. This room is no exception to the views of majestic Summit mountains and provides what everyone looks for here and there — a little solitude and peace.

Throughout the home one thing is quite evident — there is no entertainment center or piece of décor that will take precedent over the two mountain ranges. Each room, each unique touch was designed to highlight the incredible surroundings of this Highlands home, though not a luxury was spared in the careful consideration of its design. The seamless mix of rustic industrialism and cozy mountain comfort makes this mountain home a chic getaway that is on the cusp on the generational appreciation.