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AWARD-WINNING BRECKENRIDGE HOME FIT FOR FAMILY TIME AND GRAND CELEBRATIONS

by KIM FULLER | photos courtesy DOUBLE DIAMOND PROPERTY



CHRISTMAS SEEMS TO COME EARLY when you drive down to the end of the Glenwood Circle cul-de-sac in Breckenridge. The home was completed this summer, participating in the 20th annual Summit County Parade of Homes in September. Just like a gift that you are too excited to wrap up, 20 Glenwood Circle was purchased halfway through its completion.

The home was built by Double Diamond Property and Construction, and received five awards during the Parade, including Best Overall

in its size category. It sits atop 4 acres of land, with sweeping views of the Tenmile Range and Buffalo Mountain. The 6,200-square-foot property has five bedrooms and five-and-a-half baths, and a great room fit to host intimate family time, as well as grand social celebrations.

HOLIDAY READY

The floor plan feels open — a spaciousness that maintains warmth with the nooks that are built into areas lifted by high-wood beams.

“The staircase is designed to be a work of art in itself,” explains Black Diamond owner Arnie Surdyk of the wood and metal floating three-tiered entryway, “with the layers of wood and exposed steel.”

The unique chandeliers above the stairway are ornaments themselves — suspended spheres with crossing pieces of steel that form geometric patterns. Amidst these lights is where a holiday tree could stand tall, providing a connection between the home’s entrance and its heart.



Cozy mornings and après ski afternoons wouldn't be complete without the company of a crackling fire, and this home has a total of seven fireplaces throughout, starting with the hearth in the center of the great room. The stone fireplace wall calls for communing around it on plush couches and the oversized pillow-top window seat.

The floor-to-ceiling windows in this central, grandiose room illuminate a large kitchen with double granite-topped islands and a breakfast nook around the corner from the dining area. Step outside onto the grilling deck to see three levels of flames on what Surdyk calls Double Diamond's signature "Fire Falls."

Wood ceilings connect to the home's outdoor spaces, and mountain modern finishes create a sense of continuity between the guest suite rooms. Walk on walnut floors and you pass by alder doors to the master suite with an arched wood ceiling. The room continues to outdoor seats beneath heaters and beside a fireplace — perfect for a bundled al fresco morning of coffee or hot chocolate with the kids.

FAMILY FESTIVITIES

Downstairs, a blend of family room and play area is artfully lit by two large backlit onyx slabs on the wall. The core channel of the space is dedicated to an entertainment center to showcase films. A bar stands beside a wine cellar, where holiday libations live, and the room then connects to an exterior patio, fireplace and hot tub.

This is where holiday days wind down, while everyone takes to their unwrapped divides and



delicacies. The room gives spatial separation between the upstairs living area, while maintaining a sense of connection to the warmth that radiates among all the fireplaces and beyond.

Come back upstairs with your legs or from a lift provided by the elevator that spans the home's two-and-a-half stories. You may notice the entryway as you leave to walk outside into the crisp air of a mountain winter — it's a high-end porcelain tile that looks like wood floor.

From the exterior, the owners and guests can appreciate the arched metal roofs that nestle right in with the surrounding trees. Dark timbers and light siding create relevant distinction between the mountain rustic design paired with more modern lines.

A walk up the driveway and into the quiet neighborhood may be welcome after a cozy Christmas morning inside, but the feeling of coming back home is what makes a holiday special and bright — especially when it's to a retreat like this at the end of the street.