

Spirit of the Mountains



SPECTACULAR MOUNTAIN VIEWS

Exquisite Mountain home on 55 private acres with no neighbors in sight. The home is designed to take in spectacular views from every direction. Porches allow the sun to enter at cool times of the day and are shaded during the warm periods. Attention to detail in every aspect of the home with a mixture of intimate spaces and large areas ideal for entertaining. The current owners have hosted as many as 150 people in the Great Room (ok, maybe a few more but who's counting).



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The history of Spirit of the Mountains

Renowned architect Jim Mitchell and personal friend of the owner, designed Spirit of the Mountains. Among his other design projects is the George Lucas Luke Skywalker Ranch in northern California. One of Mr. Mitchell's signatures is to create a narrative that provides a sense of history to the home. Enjoy the following story of Spirit of the Mountains, but remember that the home was built new in 1995.

"The original structure was the west end bunkroom made of logs harvested from the Bighorn Mountains. It was built in 1895 for the ranch hands who worked the large cattle ranch that extended north to Sheridan.

All three of the working cowboys volunteered to serve during WWI. Two were killed in Europe. One returned and eventually married the sole daughter of the ranch owner. They moved into the bunkhouse which served as their kitchen and bedroom. Over the years, the addition of five children required construction of the two south facing bedrooms. Logs were once again harvested and trailed down Red Grade Road by the cowboy, his children and neighbors on the weekends, a task that took more than a year to complete. The family worked the land until the Great Depression, when hard times ensued. The property was foreclosed and it remained vacant for more than 15 years.

A distant cousin of the cowboy purchased the home in 1947 and added two rooms: a pantry (now the current laundry room) and a large kitchen to accommodate the appetites of his eight children who slept in the bunkroom. The original fire stove was moved from the old bunkroom to the kitchen, where it resides to this day. Heartwood pine floors replaced the cement and dirt floors. The children of the new owners built the current four rail wood fence and added a large south facing porch. Eventually, all the children moved away by the late 1970's after the passing of their parents.

Absentee ownership and neglectful renters combined to drive the property once again into disrepair. One of the children ended up in Boston, MA by the early 1990's. She described the home and its history to a neighbor. Upon visiting the now abandoned structure, the current owner decided to purchase the property. He engaged a local log home builder, stonemason and cabinet maker to carefully restore the original home and additions. A great room, moss rock fireplace and a limestone building for an Owner Suite and office were added. The third owners moved into the home in mid-1995, the 100 year anniversary of the original bunkroom. The home was ceremonially blessed by a Northern Cheyenne Medicine Woman who named the home Spirit of the Mountains."



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Our Neighbors

An abundance of nature surrounds our home bringing a variety of unexpected guests daily.

"I once tried to count the variety of wildlife viewed on the way down the lane and gave up after 15." - Owner



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FEATURES AND AMENITIES

Kitchen:

- Garland commercial kitchen range
- Granite counter tops
- Custom cabinets with 2 large pantry cupboards

Bedrooms:

- Owner's suite – stone structure on east end of home
(Made from reclaimed limestone from 1885 bunkhouses in Birney, MT)
- River rock fireplace
- 2 walk-in closets & Master Bathroom
- Attached office and porch
(Ideal for watching the sun rise, yet shaded in the afternoon)
- Bunkroom w/private bathroom
- 2 bedrooms w/en suite bathrooms

House Features:

- Views from every room in the house
- Flooring reclaimed from the original Sears corporate headquarters
- 11 inch diameter logs, are all full length cut and milled in Montana
- 25-foot vaulted ceiling in Great Room with full height Bighorn Mountain moss rock fireplace
- Formal Dining Room and Breakfast nook w/wood stove
- Pella double-glazed windows
- 300 tons of limestone rock used on exterior of owner's suite and foundation wainscoting
- 2 covered porches w/mountain views on the south side porch
- 2 water heaters, 2 furnaces

General Information:

- 55 Acres Zoned Agricultural
- 4400 sq. ft. log home with 4 bedrooms and 4.5 baths
- Built in 1995
- 2019 Taxes: \$5,307.19



Price: \$1,675,000

Terms of sale: All offers shall be in writing

Earnest money 5%

Proof of ability to purchase

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