

When we were looking for our first home, we wanted it to be unique, peaceful, and large. It had to have plenty of room for entertaining, hunting and hiking access out of the back door, large lot, and be surrounded by tall ponderosa pines and aspen trees. True "Colorado living", you know. Before we found our home, we looked and looked and saw nothing but cookie-cutter houses with grey carpet, white walls, tiny backyards that were surrounded by neighbors instead.

Then we bumped into our future house in MLS listings and immediately asked for the showing. Our Realtor said, "Well, it is remote, you know. And the road is not paved". We said we would look at it anyway. Frankly, the road was not nearly as bad as everyone had been telling us, and the house was only 2 miles from the highway. The realtor opened the front door and... it was love at first sight. Huge windows, hardwood floors, dark wood panels, gorgeous custom wallpaper, colors, space, plenty of sunshine... I walked to the large window in the living room that looks out to canyon drainage and saw a huge buck walking down towards the house... It felt like magic... like home... Needless to say, the house was ours to live in and love.

We have spent eight wonderful years at Bear Creek Canyon that we will never forget. They were filled with watching all kinds of wildlife come to our seasonal pond to drink out of and take baths. We hiked the hills surrounding the property through the trails that go way past our 10 acres as our property borders National Forest. We hosted wild blueberry picking parties as we have tons of bushes growing along the drainage. We hunted for turkey, elk, and deer out our backdoor. We gathered with friends around the bonfire in the wide open area near the house and played horseshoes. In winter we went snowshoeing up the trails that we hiked in the summer. We read books on the enclosed front porch or in the garden in the summer and in the library room in the winter. Most of winter evenings were spent in front of the wood burning stove in the walk-out basement or by the fireplace in the living room as nothing is more relaxing than watching the fire for hours. We attended to our beautiful garden and watched it grow and mature. And we spent endless nights sitting on the front porch and stargazing in the lightless sky.

Our neighbors became our friends as all of us enjoy the same simple joys of life – peace, quiet and freedom. The subdivision has no covenants, no restrictions, and no one to tell you what to do with your property. You are free to choose the life you want to live. Neighbors are very quiet, and sometimes you wonder if they are even there. We have a voluntary road committee that we donate whatever we can to have the subdivision road maintained and plowed in the winter. Most of the subdivision population want to keep it as pure and undiscovered as it is right now. They do not want non-locals to access the National Forest and compete with the Bear Creek Canyon inhabitants for game.

We regret that we have to leave the Canyon, and we are selling the house with heavy hearts. But we hope that it will find owners who would appreciate everything we did as it has a lot to offer. If you want a true piece of rural Colorado filled with singing birds, sunshine, star-filled skies, privacy, and peace, don't think twice. You have found it!