

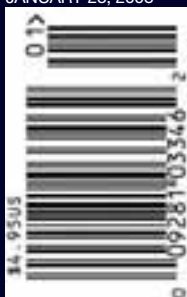
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**THE BEST OF THE HIGH COUNTRY** has always been one of our favorite issues of the year. After all, we get to hear from our readers what makes vacationing and living in the mountains such a joy. For the past nine years we've learned about your experiences, from the best places to stay and eat to little out-of-the-way galleries and boutiques and fun mountain adventures.

This issue is also a chance for us to share the exciting new discoveries we've made as we've traveled throughout the high country during the year—as well as some of our old favorites. We hope our picks inspire you to check out something new.

We're thrilled to present our 8th annual Best of the High Country winter edition. And as always, we want to hear from you. Tell us what you think of this year's winter winners and be sure to vote for the best of summer by visiting [mountainliving.com](http://mountainliving.com). >>

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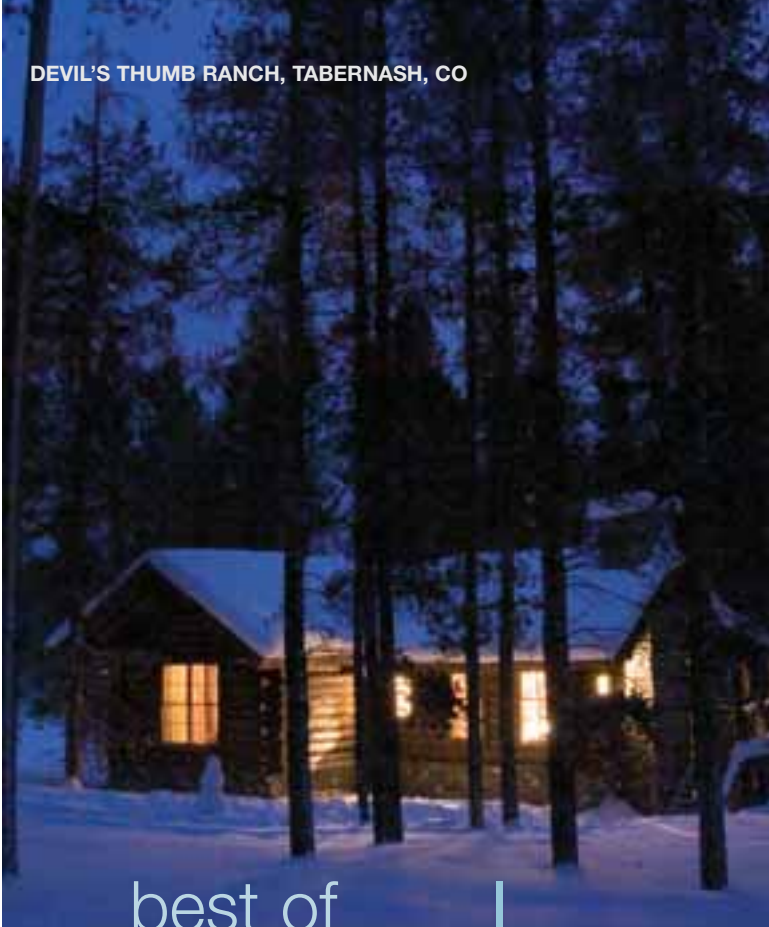


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## UNDISCOVERED TOWN

**WINNER** Driggs, ID Located along the glorious Grand Teton mountain range, Driggs is consistently chosen as one of the best places to live in the country. Its close proximity to Jackson Hole resort is certainly a plus, and plenty of summer and winter sports, such as hunting, rafting, snowmobiling and skiing, draw outdoor enthusiasts from around the world. A new high school, top-notch hospital and a thriving arts community make families want to stay for a lifetime.

### MORE READERS' PICKS

Sandpoint, ID; Lincoln, NM; Nevada City, CA; Medora, ND; Paonia, CO; Red Lodge, MT; Silver City, NM; 29 Palms, CA

## GREEN DEVELOPMENT

**WINNER** Devil's Thumb Ranch, Tabernash, CO This environmentally friendly resort sits on 5,000 sprawling acres and is close to Rocky Mountain National Park and the Winter Park ski area. The cabins are geothermally heated, barns are built from reclaimed wood, and the ranch has developed its own sand-filtration water system. The ranch won an EPA Award for Environmentally Sensitive Remodeling and Expansion in 2004. [devilsthumbbranch.com](http://devilsthumbbranch.com)

### EDITORS' PICKS

Maytag Mountain Ranch, Hillside, CO; Brasada Ranch, Redmond, OR; Sun Ranch, Cameron, MT

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## BITTERROOT VALLEY, MT



## PLACE TO BUY LAND NOW

**WINNER** Bitterroot Valley, MT Anyone with the desire to head to the high country knows that mountain property doesn't come cheap, but steals can still be had in Montana's beautiful Bitterroot Valley. Encompassing five distinct and charming communities including Victor and Florence, the valley is full of historic sites and landmarks that tell the story of the American West. Many homes and lots are available, as are ranches and large expanses of land. [bitterrootvalleychamber.com](http://bitterrootvalleychamber.com)

### MORE READERS' PICKS

Park County, WY; Fairplay, CO; Durango, CO; Las Vegas, NM; Martis Camp, North Lake Tahoe, CA; Winter Park, CO; North Vancouver, BC, Canada; Ameya Preserve, Paradise Valley, MT

## FRACTIONAL OWNERSHIP

**WINNER** The Residence Club at Teton Springs, ID Fractional ownership has quickly become the most popular way to own mountain property. At The Residence Club, homeowners enjoy a one-sixth deeded interest in one of 16 fully furnished, elegantly designed luxury log cabins, as well as amenities such as concierge and housekeeping services, full golf privileges and exchange options at residence clubs worldwide. And of course, maintenance and upkeep are all taken care of. [tetonspringsresidenceclub.com](http://tetonspringsresidenceclub.com)

### MORE READERS' PICKS

St. Regis Residence Club, Aspen, CO; Seven Canyons, Sedona, AZ; Teton Club, Jackson Hole, WY; El Corazon de Santa Fe, Santa Fe, NM; The Ritz-Carlton, Bachelor Gulch, CO