Green Builder Media Announces Ground-Breaking of Extreme Climate, Off-the-Grid Sustainability Institute and Demonstration Project

Colorado site offers building science and product testing at high altitude.

October 2, 2014 - Green Builder Media proudly introduces the company's first entirely self-sufficient, off-the-grid project in our VISION House® Series. The VISION House® at Mariposa Meadows and the ReVISION House at Rancho La Garita, perched high in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado, unite extraordinary design, extreme performance, innovative products and intelligent technology.

"The VISION House at Mariposa Meadows will demonstrate advanced green building practices and enabling technologies in a high altitude, extreme climate," says Ron Jones, Green Builder Media President and cofounder. "Our goal with the project is to implement and test solutions that can be replicated in urban, suburban, and rural locations across the country. If we can construct completely self-sufficient, independent, net-zero energy and water homes at 10,000 feet in the Colorado Rockies, they can be built anywhere."

State-of-the-art research facilities will allow manufacturers, building scientists, and other building industry professionals to explore green building, renewable energy, extreme weather, resilient housing best practices, wildfire mitigation, ecosystem management, and sustainable agriculture.

"For the past decade, Green Builder Media has not just been reporting news about green building, we've been breaking ground, making news, and helping to shape the conversation about sustainable living with our thought leadership editorial, cutting-edge VISION House demonstration projects, involvement in the code and regulatory arena, and advocacy efforts," says Sara Gutterman, CEO and cofounder of Green Builder Media. "The VISION House at Mariposa Meadows is one more step in our grand plan to develop solutions for a sustainable future."

Grand opening for the project is slated for Summer 2015. Read more about this project.

National sponsors of this project include:

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DuPont—housewrap and weatherization products

Schlage—locks and door hardware

Euroline Windows and Doors—high-performance European style tilt & turn windows

AFM—rigid insulation

NFPA—fire prevention consulting

Kohler—plumbing fixtures

Behr—paints and stains.

About Green Builder Media

<u>Green Builder® Media</u>, LLC is the leading media company in North America focused on green building and sustainable living. With a comprehensive suite of print and digital media solutions, demonstration projects, case studies, online training and live events, Green Builder Media assists building professionals in preparing themselves for the new green economy and helps homeowners understand how to live more sustainably. For more information, visit www.greenbuildermedia.com.

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