



Mantell-Hecathorn Builders Completes the First Emerald Level Certified Home

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Mantell-Hecathorn Builders Inc. (M-H Builders) announces the completion of a home on the border of Mesa Verde that received the distinction of an Emerald Level rating through the National Green Building Certification Program, as administered by the NAHB Research Center. M-H Builders is the first contractor in the area to build a home that achieved an Emerald level in the National Green Building Certification Program. The certification is measured against the best existing definition of green and sustainable construction, the ANSI (American National Standards Institute)-approved National Green Building Standard. Every point is verified by trained, accredited, third-party verifiers which provides assurance to both current and future homeowners.

This passive solar designed home with an active solar photovoltaic array received a HERS rating of 28, making it 72% more energy efficient. This same M-H Builders home achieved 5-Star certification in the ENERGY STAR for New Homes program, which also requires third-party verification of key energy efficiency components. M-H Builders is an ENERGY STAR Partner.

M-H Builders continues to be committed to higher standards of building and design for the community, and is the creator and a three year sponsor of the Sustainable Building Education Program of Southwest Colorado.

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