



## **M-H Builders Completes Certified Home**

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Mantell-Hecathorn Builders Inc. (M-H Builders) announces the completion of a custom home near Durango, Colorado that received the distinction of a Gold Level rating through the National Green Building Certification Program, as administered by the NAHB Research Center. This is the second home to achieve a Gold Level rating in the region. The first Gold Level home and the first Emerald Level home in the area were also built by M-H Builders. These certifications are 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 of the real utility savings, greater comfort and lower maintenance of a certified home.

This home received a HERS rating of 61 by a third-party verifier, making it 39% more energy efficient than a new home built to code. The excellent HERS rating was achieved utilizing conventional energy sources. This same M-H Builders home achieved a 5-Star certification in the ENERGY STAR for New Homes program, and met the requirements for both the EPA Builders Challenge and the Indoor Air Quality Plus programs.

Mantell-Hecathorn Builders, Inc., an ENERGY STAR Partner, has been building and remodeling custom projects for over 36 years. They have developed a distinguished reputation for excellence, craftsmanship and service. Their work ethic, experience, commitment to their clients and leadership in energy efficient building have made them one of the most trusted builders in Durango.

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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