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Mantell-Hecathorn Builders Inc. (M-H Builders) announces the completion of a home on the Animas River that received the distinction of a Gold 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 a Gold 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 much assurance to both current and future homeowners.

This same M-H Builders home achieved 5-Star certification in the ENERGY STAR for New Homes program, which also requires 3rd-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 for the community, and is the founder and a three year sponsor of the Sustainable Building Education Program of SW Colorado.

M-H Builders enrolled in the extensive certification and verification process because the program considers the whole house as an integrated system, not just energy efficiency, and involves compliance with rigorous standards from design through construction to operations of the finished home. Certified homes have the potential to lower a home's operating costs, reduce maintenance, and provide a healthier, more comfortable living environment for homeowners.

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