

HOMEOWNER'S NARRATIVE

Our home at 250 Crestwood Court has been a wonderful wilderness refuge. These are some of the things we have loved about this home over the past 15 years.

It's quiet. From up here on the hillside perch, you are surrounded by nature, can't really see any neighbors and are far enough from any major roads that you feel as though you are miles away from civilization.

It's close. Still, you are about a mile or less from town, the RTD, the community center and a darn good brewery.

Light. The house has amazing light. There is no place you can stand upstairs where you don't have views out multiple windows. Here's a view from the kitchen window:



Outside. We love the outdoors and outdoor activities. Backing up to national forest gives us direct and private access to miles of trails and adventures. I once walked from our backyard to Buena Vista on trails. Backyard trail runs and mountain bike rides are daily occurrences. Our dogs love these trails. The south facing deck is a great place to relax.

Energy. Ok, I'm an energy nerd. When we moved in, we replaced the big (expensive) propane and went all electric. Our solar awning both shades the deck while providing all of our energy needs. The super-efficient induction range is a joy to cook with. We also have a level 2 electric vehicle car charger by the shed to make sure your EV is ready to go in the morning (if you have an EV, you probably won't cover all your energy needs with our 2.7kW system, but you will save money on gas!) The house is very tight (we got an energy audit and added a ton of insulation in the ceiling and walls) and easy to heat with the woodstove. The stove will hold heat all night and in the morning you just add wood, no need to restart the fire. Total energy costs last year were \$225.37 – and half of that is just because we weren't here a bunch in Jan/Feb and the electric furnace had to come on.

The front range can feel crowded, but having two acres of privacy backing to millions of acres of national forest gives you the best of both worlds and is a really great thing.