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COLORADO'S NEWEST BACK COUNTRY "HUT" OPENS *Stunning Berthoud Pass Broome Hut welcomes all in alpine style*

The name says it all – Grand Huts Association officially opened its first hut and it is truly GRAND. The Broome Hut, located in the Second Creek basin on Berthoud Pass, hosted GHA's first paying guests over the New Year holiday.

The shiny new 1800 square foot energy-efficient structure offers skiers and hikers a comfortable base for year-round adventures in the Colorado backcountry. It is located on a sunny slope at an elevation of 11,350 feet and offers panoramic views of the Continental Divide and the striking Second Creek headwall. The main room boasts a dramatic timber frame, built with local beetle kill timbers and includes the kitchen, dining and lounging areas; it is suitable for special events, classes or just relaxing. Outside, a large deck offers a fabulous view. There are sleeping quarters for 16. Solar power, composting toilets and wood pellet stoves keep this off-the-grid facility cozy and green. Broome Hut reservations are booked through the 10th Mountain Division Hut Association (www.huts.org). Rentals are \$35 /night per person. Children age 12 and under are half price.

There is also a day-use area on the east side of the building that is open to the public from 9 AM to one hour before sunset. A restroom and a picnic area make this a comfortable refuge for day hikers or skiers.

The Broome Hut has been a labor of love ever since its inception some 15 years ago. This is the culmination of many years of planning, fundraising and collaboration with the US Forest Service. Grand Huts would like to thank all of its generous donors, especially Paul and Joan Broome, the Grand Foundation and the dedicated volunteers who donated more than 6,000 hours of labor to make this vision a reality. The Broome Hut operates under a Special Use Permit from the US Forest Service.

To learn more, go to www.grandhuts.org , or hike up the Second Creek Trail at mile marker 240, US Highway 40 on Berthoud Pass. The Hut is approximately 1 mile from Highway 40 with an elevation gain of 900'.

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