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BRASADA RANCH FIRST RESORT IN U.S. TO EARN L.E.E.D.
PROGRAM'S GOLD CERTIFICATION FOR 'NEW CONSTRUCTION'

D.C.-based U.S. Green Building Council singles out Discovery Center

POWELL BUTTE, Ore. – Brasada Ranch has become the first destination resort in the country to earn the prestigious U.S. Green Building Council's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) "Gold" certification rating for one of its buildings under the "New Construction" project category. Moreover, Brasada Ranch, located 16 miles northeast of Bend, is the first destination resort in the state of Oregon and just the fourth nationally, to receive certification under any LEED project category.

The LEED "Gold" certification was bestowed on Brasada Ranch's Discovery Center, an 8,300-square-foot building at this new central Oregon-based residential-golf resort. LEED is the most widely recognized accreditation body for sustainable building and design in the country and is the benchmark for high performance green buildings.

Since its inception, Brasada Ranch — one of the JELD-WEN Communities — has talked about its genuine commitment to "walk softly on the land." Dramatic proof that Brasada Ranch can "walk the talk" comes from the Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Green Building Council, an independent source that touts green buildings "cost less to operate and maintain, are energy- and water-efficient, and are a physical demonstration of the values of the organizations that own and occupy them. LEED-certified buildings demonstrate an owner's commitment to environmental stewardship and social responsibility."

The Discovery Center community building was designed by Cottle Carr Yaw Architects (CCY), an award-winning architectural firm in Basalt, Colo. Completed in 2005, the Discovery Center — one of five buildings comprising Ranch Headquarters, the centerpiece of Brasada Ranch — has previously earned an American Institute of Architects Merit Award. CCY Architects has designed all five buildings to LEED standards; three are still pending LEED certification.

"Our overall mission from the beginning has been that we will 'walk softly on the land,' and now we've taken that a few steps further," said Rick Paré, construction coordinator for Brasada Ranch, which has preserved more than half the land on which it sits as open space. "There is an encouraging trend today to implement and execute good green building practices. For starters, it's the right thing to do. Of the many benefits, LEED-certified buildings have lower operating costs and reduce waste sent to landfills. What we're doing here at Brasada Ranch isn't for the short term – we're building for the long term."

This is the first project of any kind to gain the LEED designation in Oregon's Crook County. Only one project in neighboring Deschutes County has a LEED-certified project – the Midstate Electric Cooperative Administration Building in La Pine. The Discovery Center becomes just the 13th "multi-use" project to earn LEED certification in the state of Oregon, while the U.S. Green Building Council overall has singled out fewer than 750

LEED-certified projects nationwide since the program was implemented less than six years ago.

“The LEED plaque is recognized nationwide as proof that a building is environmentally responsible, profitable and a healthy place to live and work,” according to the U.S. Green Building Council.

The exterior siding and heavy timbers used in the Discovery Center were salvaged and reclaimed from the Ochoco Lumber Company, which began operations in the area 75 years ago, and the remainder of the framing materials is Forest Stewardship Council-certified. A unique ground source lake loop system tied to the golf course ponds provides the building’s heating and cooling needs.

These and other environmentally sound mechanics and construction details qualified the Discovery Center for Gold Certification. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

Brasada Ranch, according to Paré, is environmentally committed on numerous other fronts through its use of on-site wind generators and solar electricity, as well as its construction of “Earth Advantage” cabins complete with “Energy Star” appliances. Moreover, all of the resort’s landscaping is native to the area.

For more information about Brasada Ranch, visit www.brasada.com.

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Note to Media:

High-resolution photos of Brasada Ranch’s Discovery Center are available upon request.

■ **About Brasada Ranch** (www.brasada.com)

Brasada Ranch, located 16 miles northeast of Bend, Ore., is comprised of 1,800 acres in one of the state’s warmer and dryer climates and will ultimately be home to approximately 900 residences. The property, formerly a working cattle ranch, sits 3,500 feet above sea level with an elevation gain of 600 feet on the western slope of the Cascades, presenting residents and golfers alike with striking views of dramatic snowcapped mountains: Mt. Jefferson, Three Sisters, Broken Top and Mt. Bachelor. Upon build out, the resort will feature a Peter Jacobsen/Jim Hardy-designed championship golf course (all 18 holes will be operational later this summer), a state-of-the-art equestrian facility, swimming pools and numerous hiking, biking and running trails.

■ **About JELD-WEN Communities** (www.jeld-wencommunities.com)

Brasada Ranch is one of the JELD-WEN Communities owned and managed by JELD-WEN Development. The other JELD-WEN Communities are Running Y Ranch, Ridgewater and Harbor Isles in Klamath Falls, Ore.; Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Ore.; and Silver Mountain near Kellogg, Idaho. JELD-WEN Development, a leading developer of premier resort and lifestyle community properties in the West, is headquartered in Redmond, Ore.