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MOUNTAIN RETREAT REFLECTS REGIONAL CHARACTER

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This valley near Steamboat Springs, Colorado, with its mixture of ranch structures, farmlands and forests, is a fitting backdrop to this mountain retreat. The forms of the house were inspired by the rural vernacular that is represented by simple gabled dwellings seen throughout the landscape.

The house is divided along its longitudinal axis into two volumes, meeting the clients' desire for an area to entertain while maintaining privacy for family and guests. A two-story volume includes the garage, mudroom, and bedrooms on the upslope side and a one-story form at the front contains the kitchen, dining, and living areas which capture views of the Sleeping Giant Peak to the north.

Inside, earth tone paint colors complement the reclaimed fir floors, glass tile, and sliding rusty barn doors. The architect's hand was involved in every design detail from the king-post and beam structure to the custom dining room table.

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