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ARCHITECTURE: RESIDENTIAL

High Desert Residence

Hacker







THE HACKER-DESIGNED HIGH DESERT RESIDENCE IS NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART. Located outside Bend, Oregon, where jagged mountains and cinder cones tower over the desolate landscape and the sky sometimes rains golf ball-sized hail or drops enough snow to collapse roofs, the four-bedroom home is an adventurous weekend getaway for one Oregon couple and their extended family. “There is a freshness to the landscape and an aroma in the air that cannot be found anywhere else in the world,” the Portland-based firm writes in its submission.

High Desert Residence’s angular cedar, steel, and glass exterior is a dramatic contrast to its chaparral-covered site. Large floor-to-ceiling windows interspersed with cedar planks compose the home’s façade and grant residents wide views of land and sky from each room, a design that “brings focus to the immediacy of the desert flora and fauna in the entry courtyard and the garden,” the firm explains. “It captures the sprawling texture of distant hills and offers anchoring views upward to the seemingly endless desert sky.”

Inside, the home’s airy private and communal areas provide unobstructed views of the property. The décor revolves around monochromatic pieces that respond to the muted tones of the outdoor landscape and spotlights the couple’s collection of midcentury furniture. The cedar of the exterior is also used indoors to reinforce the indoor-outdoor connection. “The form of the house is a simple one, designed to edit the relationship between landscape and sky,” writes Hacker, “and to cultivate a unique experience of both from each room.” ✱

PROJECT DETAILS

COLLABORATORS
Kirby Nagelhout Construction
Madden & Baughman

LOCATION
Central Oregon

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