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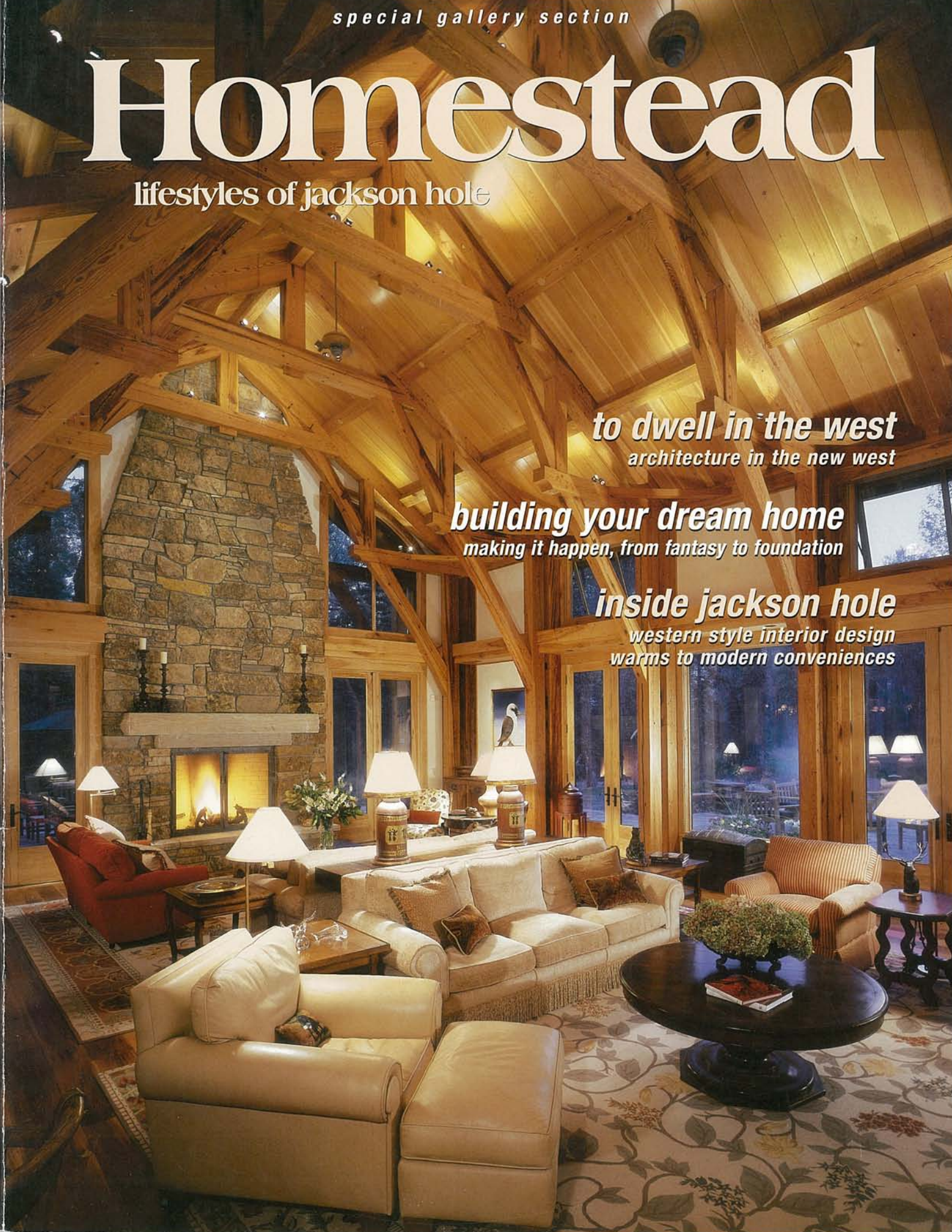
Homestead

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to dwell in the west
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western style interior design
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Jackson, Wyoming

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the intimacy of a stone hearth, smooth crisp granite countertops and tiles from all over the world result in a refined textural experience. With additional advances in the appearance and efficiency of plumbing fixtures and appliances, there is no limit to the luxury of a new home, even in the isolation of the west.

Some homeowners and architects have attempted to take these building systems even further. Designers still reference the folkloric images of the early west, but are moving away from the stereotype of the log cabin. Familiar now are the clean lines of low pitched roofs, bands of windows, purposeful use of stone and more common materials such as galvanized metal and clapboard siding seen on regional ranches and homesteads. Still other structures provide influence – grain silos, barns, Indian lodges, snow fences, and even mining sheds. Some would call these new buildings modern or contemporary, but their roots are rich in history.

After a rush of new building over the past 20 years, it has been said that the over-complicated log cabins have at last seen the climax in popularity. Then again, the image of the simple log cabin in the western landscape will remain as a symbolic icon of western lifestyle – living free and wild. Building supplies are no longer limited to what is readily available. Lumber is now trucked from coast to coast. And technology has brought us advances in materials and finishes that can withstand all matters of inclement weather. The winds of Wyoming and the west do not penetrate our homes as they did a century ago. Yet the tested history of design and structural techniques of log and timber building will remain essential to the western architectural experience. *

This residence reflects the client's request for a comfortable home with the image of Wyoming, while using materials and space with a more contemporary touch. The exterior forms are understated and common to the Jackson Hole region. The interior openness was created using large wood beams that span the common spaces on both levels.

