Passive House Case Study



Build Back Better: Marshall Fire Rebuild

Boulder, CO

Single Family Building

Rebuild from Existing Foundation

PHI Database ID#: Pending

Certification Goal:



Status: Pending - in construction

Size: 4,783 FT2 TFA

Description: This house on Paragon Drive was spared the worst of the flames from the Marshall Fire, but the structure had to be rebuilt due smoke damage.

DOE Climate Zone: 5b

Team:

Owner: Rob Keeley and Peggy Driscoll

Architect/Designer: Renee Golobic https://www.eleven28arch.com

PH Consultant: Enrico Bonilauri, Emu Passive https://www.emupassive.com

Builder: Built by Krueger https://www.bykrueger.com

Certifier: Marco Filippi, Energy Plus Project https://epplus.it



This large ranch home provides seamless indoor/outdoor living with large Zola sliders connecting the kitchen/living area, and the Library room to southern and western patios.

Large Zola windows frame panoramic Rocky Mountain views. Exterior zip systems will be covered with a rain screen for moisture management and clad with a variety of Stone, Stucco, and Cementitious siding.



The kitchen features a large clerestory with lots of light. The high windows are operational powered Zola windows. The Southern sliding door opens onto the patio with an Herb Garden and a grape vine covered pergola. Exterior finishes and landscaping will create a fire defensible space around the home.

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Thermal Envelope

Ground:

Main Level: Crawl Space with EPS Foam and 20mil Vapor Barrier Garden Level: EPS Foam and 20 mil vapor barrier under slab concrete

Walls:

Double Wall assembly with blown cellulose and air sealing, 3rd wall service cavity

Roof:

RFPI I-Joist Framing System, Under-framed Service Cavity

Windows & Doors:

Zola



Ventilation: Zhender ERV

Heating: Geothermal Heat Pump

Cooling/Dehumidification: Geothermal Heat Pump & Zhender ERV

Domestic Hot Water: Geothermal Pre-Heating Storage Tank - Electric Booster Tank

Cooling & Dehumidification

Demand:

9.4 kBtu/ft2/yr

PER **Demand:** < 23.75 kBtu/ft2yr

Onsite Renewable Energy: 13.6 kW PV Array

PHPP Values

Climate: Warm-temperate

Airtighness: 1.0 ACH50 Max

Annual Heating Demand: < 9.5 kBTU/ft2/yr



The entire home will be encapsulated and sealed to below 1.0 ACH50. The main level is a full ranch, but there is an attached Accessory Dwelling Unit, which is a basement garden level space. It is accessible from its own entrance outside, or via stairs inside.





The home reuses the existing foundation that was not damaged during the fire. It was modernized by "capping" the foundation to ensure proper damp proofing and frost protection for the footer. The entire crawl space was then retrofitted with 8" of EPS foam and 20mil vapor barrier. Steel elements that were potential thermal bridges were engineered out in favor of Laminated Veneer Lumber and Glu-Lam Beams.