

LETTER FROM THE SELLER

2785 Sioux Trail, Big Trees Village, Dorrington, CA

My mountain home in the beautiful Big Trees Village near Arnold for nearly 40 years, has been a magical place for my family to relax and unwind from our busy lives in the Bay Area. When we first bought the home, our children were 9, 6, and 5. Our cabin was a much smaller version of the current home. Back then, my husband and I rented the cabin for the year and enjoyed the winter and summer seasons in the area. In the winter, we skied at the very family-oriented Bear Valley Ski Resort and played in the snow. In the summer, we hiked in Calaveras Big Trees State Park, spent time at the Big Trees Village Recreation Center, and visited White Pines Lake in Arnold and Lake Alpine above the Bear Valley Ski Area.

We were especially dazzled by the area's beauty, realizing it had to be the best kept secret in the Sierras! We also were struck by how much more laid back and less crowded the area was compared to Tahoe and how much less expensive the ski lift tickets were. We also immensely enjoyed dining out at Sarafina's, an outstanding Italian restaurant in Arnold. It is very casual and yet the chef studied in Italy for five years before opening her restaurant, The town of Murphys – only 10 minutes down the mountain – also has excellent restaurants and shops.

By 1996, our older daughter got engaged, and my husband and I realized that we would be needing a larger mountain home. We considered buying in Tahoe or finding a larger home around Arnold. But, really, we couldn't imagine leaving 2785 Sioux Trail, where our kids especially were attached to the creek in back. So, we set to work expanding the house and completed it in 2000. While plans for the addition were being drawn up, I went on a ski trip to Utah with friends and stayed in a really unique house that had a bathroom in every bedroom. It was a revelation! One thing led to the other, and that's how we ended up with a bathroom in every bedroom!!!

This is a house where memories are made with family and friends. It's where the whole gang can gather for Christmas, New Year's, and summers. It is amazing how much privacy everyone feels in their own bedrooms and bathrooms, and the bunk room always has allowed for all the kids to have beds. From the bedroom area, you can't even hear what is going on in the living room/dining room/kitchen area!! The game room is a wonderful place – away from the activity downstairs – for all ages to play pool, watch TV, build Legos, or do a big puzzle.

Since 2010, my home has been part of a very successful rental program, with Sierra Properties as our outstanding property manager. We also had an amazing housekeeper and fantastic maintenance help, clearing the lots around our home and servicing our spa. We are happy to share all the names and contact information.

As life would have it, my entire family and I now live on the East Coast. We have so many beautiful memories of this magnificent mountain home and the gorgeous surrounding area. We know whoever buys it next will create their own memories to cherish for a lifetime!