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To Whom It May Concern:

We began our cabin project with no experience. After looking at several cabin locations in the state, we decided that Bear Lake was what we wanted. Next, we decided that we should select a builder. We felt that a good builder would be able to give us guidance in selecting a building lot. He may even own lots that we should consider. We researched builders by asking local residents and real estate agents who they felt were the best builders in the area. We also searched the Internet for information on builders. We telephoned several builders in the Bear Lake area and discussed the type of cabin we were interested in and asked about costs. Several builders in the area were identified as capable and honest; but in talking to each, we quickly discovered that Reid Stewart of Bear Lake Log Homes was the most responsive, and he was on top of our list of good builders. Reid invited us to come to Bear Lake and walk through some of the many cabins he had built. He picked us up in his truck and drove us to several cabins in different developments. He discussed advantages and disadvantages to the different locations and told us of things to watch for in selecting a building lot. This information turned out to be quite valuable. After selecting a lot, we had Reid put together an estimate that was based on one of the cabins he had previously built and we had walked through when he showed us around on our previous visit. Reid helped us make some changes to the plan that customized the plan to our needs. As part of the process he showed us where we could save money and improve on the plan at the same time.

During the building process, we came to realize that selecting Bear Lake Log Homes was the correct choice. Reid always made sure he was building what we wanted. We also were told by several people in the building trade that Reid was the best builder in the area for log construction. We always felt that we were getting the best construction for the money spent. Reid knew all the right subcontractors to hire, and he always got the best price. All subcontractors were managed well, and we never had to have anything corrected due to workmanship. If a workmanship issue was identified, Reid had already notified the subcontractor that the issue needed correcting. We never once had to ask for corrective action. We wanted to do some construction tasks ourselves. These were accommodated along with some helpful suggestions. Several time when choices were presented, we simply asked Reid what he would recommend. His experience in building over 80 log cabins showed us that sometimes his experience was better than our judgment. Several upgrades were suggested, and we realized that some additional money spend now would save money in the long run. Reid is a craftsman who enjoys paying attention to details, and we always knew the work would be done right.

Over the last nine months Reid has become one of our friends. He has helped us on several occasions that went beyond a builder relationship to a friend relationship. We were also a little surprised at his decorating skill as he made several suggestions about how to make our cabin comfortable and functional.

We would highly recommend Bear Lake Log Homes for your dream cabin.

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