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Donnelly, Idaho This amenity-rich four-season resort in the Payette River Mountains features ski-in/ski-out, lakeside and golf properties that range from cottages and chalets to townhomes, custom homesites and even fractional opportunities at the up-and-coming Fairmont Tamarack. Homeowners enjoy instant access to more than 30 miles of mountain bike trails, hiking, fishing, rafting, six ziplines, and the Osprey Meadows golf course, named "Best New Golf Course" by *Golf Digest* and *Men's Journal*. tamarackidaho.com

Readers' Choice Cornerstone, Montrose, CO

Editors' Pick The Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain, Tucson, AZ

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A home in the West where the buffalo roam and the fairways are wide is the dream of many a golfing addict. Throughout the high country, countless new golf communities are underway, and many established developments are adding golf courses.

This year, home buyers in search of retirement and vacation homes in scenic environments, with golf and other outdoor recreation as priorities, are considering not only western states but western Canada as well. Properties at Bear Mountain Resort near Victoria, British Columbia, are selling briskly. "The U.S. market may be slumping, but the west coast of Canada looks good to American buyers," says Dale Sproule, the resort's director of real estate. "The lower end of the price range at Bear Mountain is affordable for young and first-time purchasers, with some condominiums under \$299,000. In 2007, a one-day sale of 183 condominiums sold out in two hours."

Central Oregon is booming with new developments, from 900 single- and multi-family homes

and a Peter Jacobsen-designed golf course at Brasada Ranch, to Remington Ranch near Powell Butte and Tetherow—with its David McLay Kidd-designed course—in Bend. Bandon Dunes Golf Resort architect Tom Doaks is designing one of three new tracks at Cascade Highlands Resort, while top names such as Arnold Palmer, Ben Crenshaw and Clive Clark are working on courses for Thornburgh Resort near Cline Buttes.

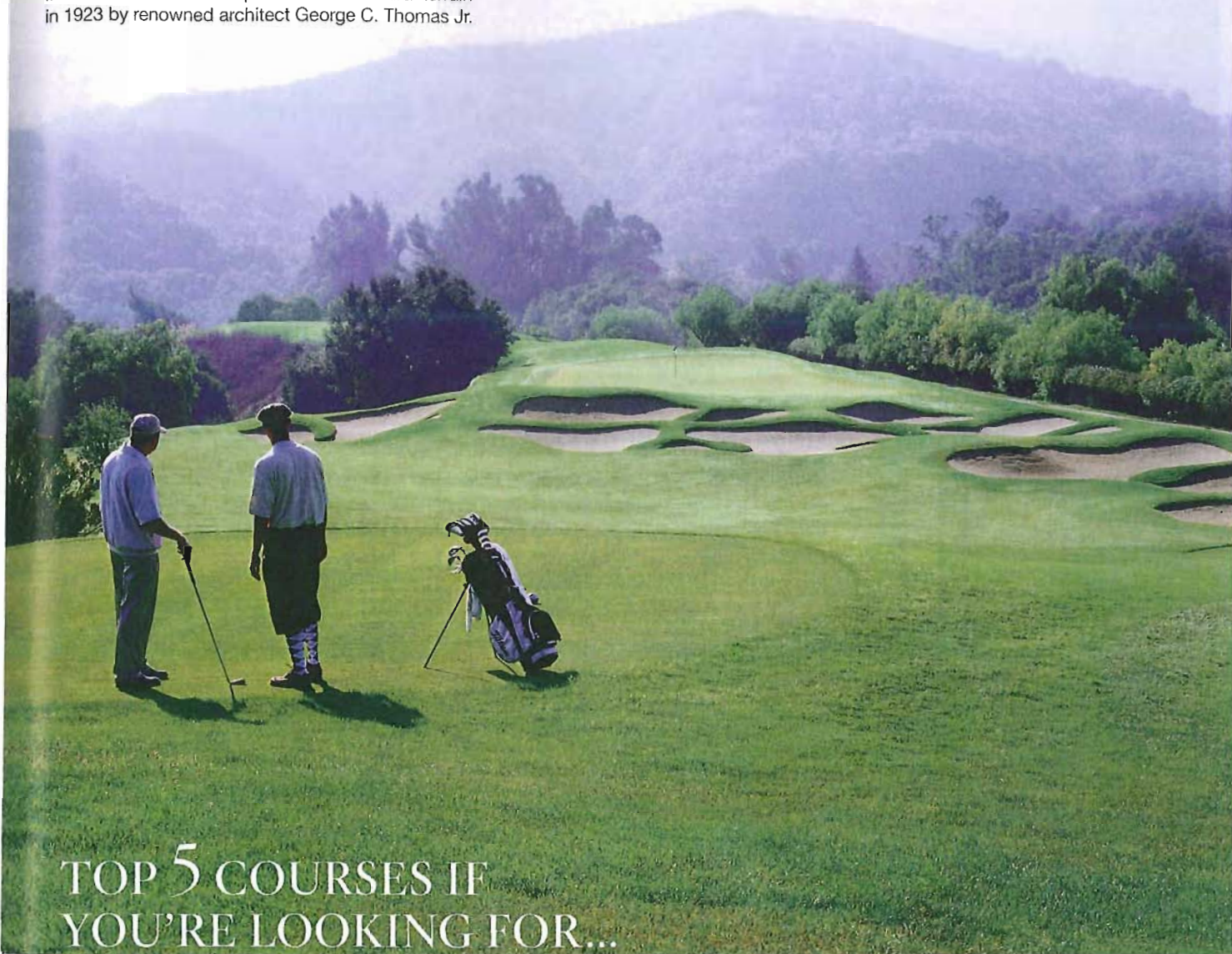
Luxury hotel "shared residences" are also on the rise throughout the West, as well as fractional ownerships of cabins, cottages, condos and townhomes, many with such perks as 24-hour concierge service, master chefs, spas and multi-course golf access. Notable examples are the condo-hotel units at the Fairmont Tamarack in Tamarack, Idaho (the property, scheduled to open in early 2011, is already 90-percent sold); the Residences at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs; and those at the new Paramonte, within the Lodge and Spa at Cordillera in Vail.

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Tamarack Mountain, Lake Cascade and a bird sanctuary surround OSPREY MEADOWS AT TAMARACK RESORT, an award-winning course that offers plenty of challenge with its views. With terrain ranging from rolling meadows to creek crossings and forested holes, all inhabited by elk, bald eagles and the namesake ospreys, you'll find it difficult to focus on your game.



The historic 18-hole golf course at THE OJAI VALLEY INN & SPA was first sculpted from the natural terrain in 1923 by renowned architect George C. Thomas Jr.



TOP 5 COURSES IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...

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CHAMBERS BAY GOLF COURSE, University Place, WA, (253) 798-4050, chambersbaygolf.com

TROON NORTH GOLF CLUB, Scottsdale, AZ, (480) 585-7700, troonnorthgolf.com

LAKOTA CANYON RANCH GOLF CLUB, New Castle, CO, (970) 984-9700, lakotacanyonranch.com

ROCHELLE RANCH GOLF COURSE, Rawlins, WY, (307) 324-7121, rochelleranch.com

WOLF CREEK GOLF CLUB, Mesquite, NV, (866) 252-4653, golfwolfcreek.com

Spectacular Scenery

CHATEAU WHISTLER GOLF CLUB, Whistler, B.C., Canada, (877) 938-2092, chateauwhistler.com

THE COUNTRY CLUB OF COLORADO AT CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN RESORT, Colorado Springs, CO, (719) 538-4095, cheyennemountain.com

ENTRADA AT SNOW CANYON COUNTRY CLUB, St. George, UT, (435) 674-7500, golfentrada.com

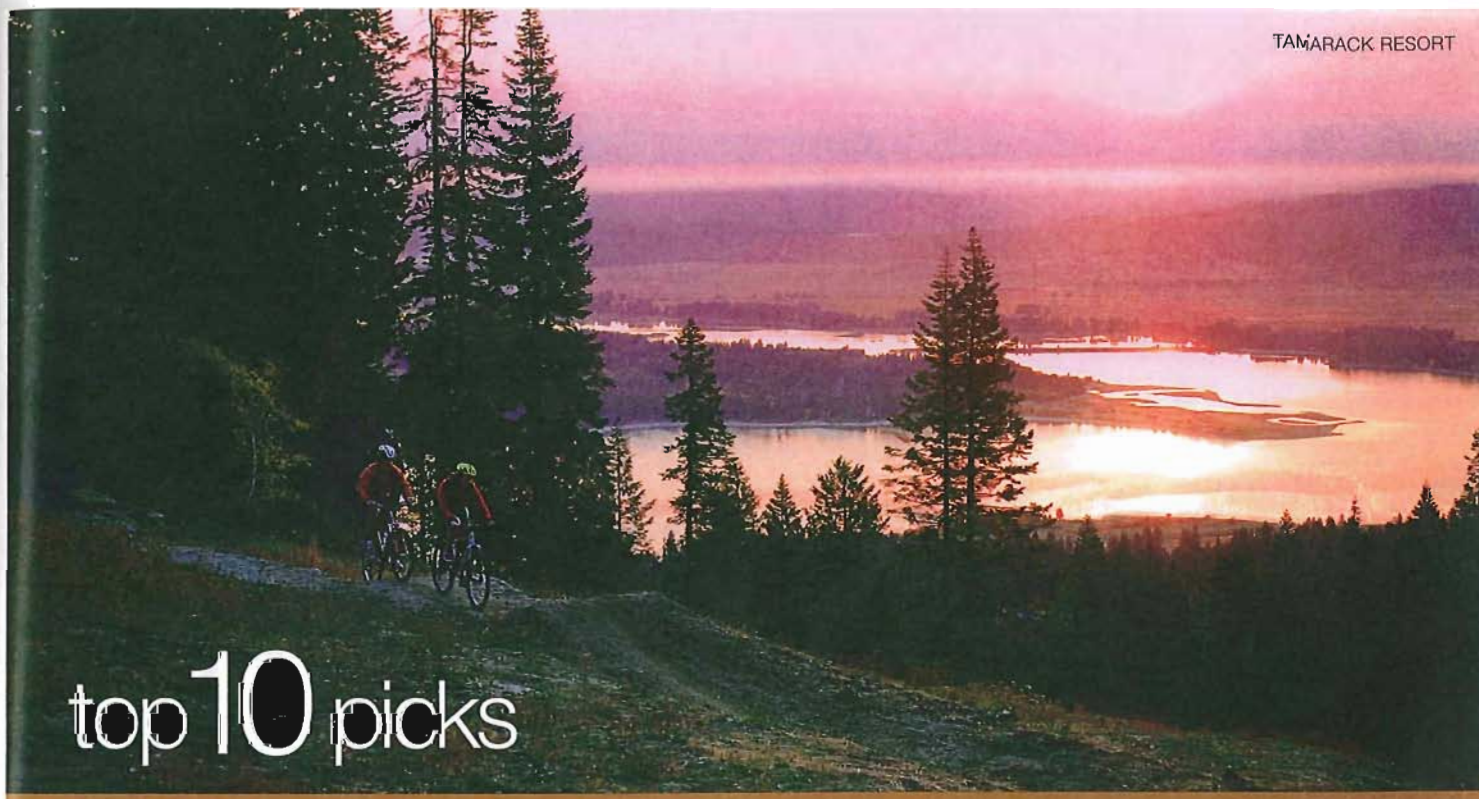
GOLF CLUB AT OJAI VALLEY INN & SPA, Ojai, CA, (888) 697-8780, ojairesort.com

OSPREY MEADOWS AT TAMARACK RESORT, Tamarack, ID, (877) 826-7376, tamarackidaho.com



AROUND IDAHO'S LAKE COUNTRY, there's drama everywhere you look. It's in the unparalleled beauty of the region's deep crystal-clear lakes (Payette, Coeur d'Alene and Priest, to name a few), the majesty of the Selkirk Mountains as they soar up toward the sky, and the verdant forests and valley floors that teem with wildlife.

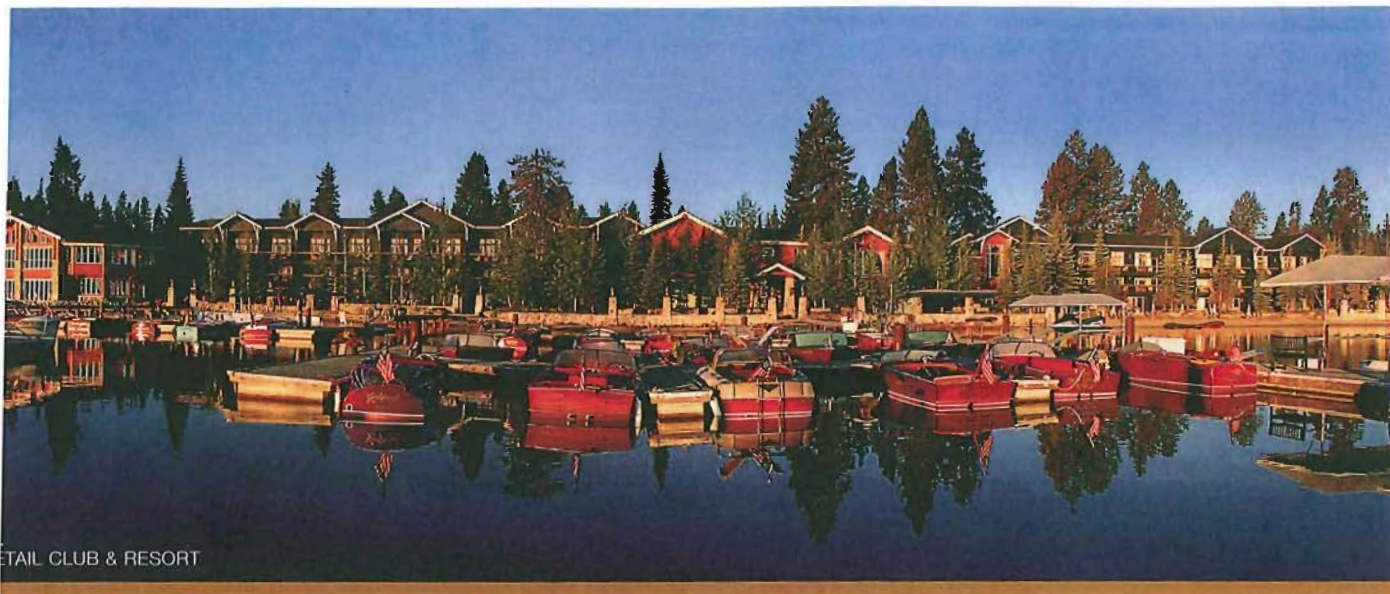
Amid this idyllic setting, lakeside towns like Sandpoint, McCall and Hayden are being touted for a back-to-nature lifestyle that comes with a touch of sophistication. You can stop in for a latté at a local café before your morning hike, or dock your boat at sunset and linger over a gourmet meal. At night, you can settle into an elegant lakeside home or be pampered at an ultra-luxe retreat. Then again, it's possible to eschew civilization entirely and call a campsite or log cabin home. There are dramatically different opportunities, and it's all up to you.



top 10 picks

1. Venture to **Gold Fork Hot Springs** (located off Hwy. 55 between Cascade and Donnelly) for a soothing soak in alkaline- and mineral-rich pools of varied temperatures. (208) 890-8730
2. At Tamarack, put together a picnic lunch at **Crane Creek Market**, a delightful little gourmet deli stocked with everything from imported cheeses, meats and condiments to fresh produce and breads to fine wines, then take a leisurely hike up the mountain—or jump on Tamarack Express for a quick ride to the top—and choose from many perfect picnic spots. tamarackidaho.com
3. Stop into **The Porch Public House** in Hayden for local microbrews and cocktails like the Luau Mai Tai or Porch Punch (Southern Comfort, grapefruit and pineapple juice, soda and Chambord), perfect when paired with grilled sausages with bacon-smoked-cheddar pancakes. (208) 772-7711
4. Head north of Bonners Ferry (via Hwy. 2 and Hwy. 54) to **Moyie Falls** of the Moyie River, one of Idaho's most spectacular sights. The Moyie Bridge hovers between the canyon walls, suspended 450 feet over the thundering white water and spraying mist.
5. Catch a performance by the Carrousel Players of the **Coeur d'Alene Summer Theatre**. The summer 2008 schedule includes "All Shook Up," "La Cage aux Folles," "Once Upon a Mattress" and "Les Misérables." nic.edu/summertheatre
6. Drive the **Wild Horse Trail Scenic Byway** from downtown Sandpoint north through Bonner's Ferry (and up to the Canadian border, if you like). Along the way, attractions include Lake Pend Oreille and Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge.
7. Cruise **Lake Pend Oreille** (Idaho's largest lake) on the classic vessel *Shawnodese*. Cruises vary in length and destination. A **Weekend Spring Island Tour** with Lake Pend Oreille Cruises floats around the four islands off of Hope, including the Pearl Island bald eagle sanctuary. (208) 255-LAKE
8. Hop on a mountain bike at **Tamarack Resort** and tackle the 30 miles of trails that twist through forested mountains and meadows. Ride the lift to the top for a 360-degree view of Lake Cascade and the surrounding mountains, then make your way down 12 miles of exhilarating singletrack. tamarackidaho.com
9. In Coeur d'Alene, take a seaplane ride and get a bird's-eye view of some of the area's most spectacular scenery. Flights with **Brook's Seaplane Service** (208-664-2842) leave from City Dock at Independence Point.
10. Visit the **Kootenai National Wildlife Refuge**, located just west of Bonners Ferry, and try to count how many elk, moose, bald eagles and bears you see. Bring your bird-watching guide, too, and keep an eye out for the tundra swan. fws.gov/kootenai

BELOW: The Whitetail Club & Resort, an exclusive lakefront sporting lodge, is just steps away from the crystal-clear waters of Idaho's Payette Lake. Guests can rent a sailboat for the day, charter a captained vessel for an evening cruise, or partake in one of Payette Lake's most renowned activities: water skiing.



WHITETAIL CLUB & RESORT

Stay

Whitetail Club & Resort, McCall Stretched out along the banks of Payette Lake, the Whitetail Club features "hunting-lodge chic" décor (stone fireplaces, polished wood floors, Old World antiques, plus the occasional moose head) and 77 spacious suites with Italian linens and marble baths. There's fine dining at The Narrows and a sweet little spa, too. (800) 657-6464, whitetailclub.com

The Lodge at Osprey Meadows, Tamarack Resort, Donnelly This mountain-elegant lodge blends right in with the surrounding landscape with lots of wood beams, native stone and hardwoods, and into your agenda with fine dining at Morels, treatments at Santé Spa and easy access to golf, water sports, hiking and more. (866) 649-6903, tamarackidaho.com

The Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene A virtual playground on the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene, this full-service resort offers lakefront rooms and suites with up-to-date amenities, a 30,000-square-foot spa, 18-hole golf course and lots of dining options, including Cedars Floating Restaurant. (800) 688-5253, cdaresort.com

Old Northern Inn, Coolin Lovingly restored, this idyllic inn on Priest Lake's north shore was built by the Old Northern Railway Company in 1890. Two suites and four guest rooms (named after geological features of the lake) feature period antiques, handcrafted quilts and other comforts. Breakfast is included, and there's a private marina, too. (208) 443-2426, oldnortherninn.com

Sleep's Cabins, Sagle Across Lake Pend Oreille from Sandpoint (the town is just a two-mile walk on the pedestrian bridge away), six historic, one-to four-bedroom waterfront log cabins offer comfortable vintage furnishings and equipped kitchens. Cute Cabin No. 1 is perfect for honeymooners. (866) 302-2122, sleepscabins.com

Fairmont Tamarack Developed by Andre Agassi and Stefanie Graf, this luxury condominium hotel and penthouse residence at Tamarack's base area will feature full hotel services and amenities, plus the 17,000-square-foot Willow Stream Spa. Opening in late 2009 (real estate sales are available now). (888) 893-1526, fairmonttamarack.com

Eat

Bistro 45 Wine Bar & Café, McCall This sweet little spot in the Hotel McCall courtyard serves up delicious smoked-trout salads, goat cheese tapenade, panini and other nibbles, and pours a great selection of wines by the bottle or glass. Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Entrées from \$4.95. Casual attire. VITALS: 1101 N. 3rd St., McCall, (208) 634-4515, bistro45mccall.com

Brix, Coeur d'Alene Located in a historic downtown building with brick walls and tin ceilings, Brix is a locals' favorite for fine seasonal cuisine (think honey-brined double pork chops or coriander-crust yellowfin ahi) by chef Adam Hefsted. Try the tasting menu, created just for your table with the freshest ingredients available that day. Lunch Mon.-Sat.; dinner nightly. Dinner entrées from \$18. Summer-chic attire. VITALS: Located between 3rd and 4th streets on the north side of Sherman Ave. 317 Sherman Ave., Coeur d'Alene, (208) 665-7407, brixrestaurant.com

Elkins on Priest Lake Reserve a table in the lakeside dining room at the historic Elkins Resort and settle in for creative Northwest dishes like basil-lemongrass wok-charred ahi and honey-chipotle-glazed rack of lamb, all prepared with international flair by chef Mike Szybski. Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily June-September; Sat.-Sun. October-May. Dinner entrées from \$25. Smart-casual attire. VITALS: Located in the Elkins Resort. 404 Elkins Rd., Nordman, (208) 443-2432, elkinsresort.com

Morels, Tamarack Resort Morning, noon and night, Morels satisfies palates with regional gourmet specialties, such as campfire trout and eggs, Kobe corned beef reubens and Black Cabin Ranch elk mixed grill. Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. Dinner entrées from \$19. Mountain casual attire. VITALS: Located in The Lodge at Osprey Meadows. 311 Village Dr., Tamarack, (208) 325-1013, tamarackidaho.com

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TAMARACK HOMEOWNER



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