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Dear Supporters of Ocate Cliffs,

Ocate Cliffs is intended to be a place where we as autistic people can be fully ourselves, where our creativity is unleashed, and where we engage in transformative experiences with ourselves and others. Its future is open to the energy we put into it.

We wrapped up the short construction season this year with finishing the staff house foundation and the plumbing that goes under the floor, and filling in all the trenches with water lines. We also got the old cabin reroofed and cleaned out so it can be used. I got a personal loan which will be enough to complete the staff house shell next summer, weather permitting (outer walls, roof, windows and doors, and indoor running water). Then it can be lived in year round while working on the interior.

With about 5 more months before we can start building again, I'm looking at winter as a time for letting the project take a nap. I'm not currently planning another video project or fundraiser because my skills are pretty much tapped out, and I'm at a loss about what direction makes sense for that kind of outreach, and what I can do by myself.

How about you? Here are some things to think about:

- For those who went to the retreat, you can still get paid a stipend to do a talk or discussion or presentation on your experience. That helps us reach more people.
- Have you gotten your free Ocate Cliffs T shirt or shopping bag? Check out the home page at [www.ocatecliffs.org](http://www.ocatecliffs.org) and watch the "2 friends" video for information. That helps us reach more people.
- Have you thought about coming in 2016? You could help build for a period of time, or visit for as short as a weekend. You'll meet similarly inclined autistic people. We hope to have travel assistance again (to be finalized in the spring).

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Star Ford, Program Manager