

## **2019 February 19**

Ocate Cliffs family,

We will have an international work retreat this summer on June 2-15, where you can come and meet great people while helping with building and trails. The page with additional information is here:  
<http://www.divergentlabs.org/ocatecliffs/volunteer/international-work-retreat-june-2019/>

If you are coming from outside the US, please register through Volunteers for Peace at their web site - [vfp.org](http://vfp.org).

And... that's it - short newsletter!

In service,  
Star Ford, Program Manager

If you are new to Ocate Cliffs, here's a quick index of links for learning more:

1. Reading to get familiar with it:

\* Founding paper: [www.tinyurl.com/ocate](http://www.tinyurl.com/ocate)

\* Web site: [www.ocatecliffs.org](http://www.ocatecliffs.org)

\* Facebook: Search for "Ocate Cliffs" and check out videos or leave comments. Also, please 'like' it!

2. If you are interested in the construction progress:

\* State of development: we have completed zoning approval, water system, and the 6-bedroom staff house. Next up is more outside accommodations (tent pads), trails, and then eventually a second building.

\* Consider living there over the summer to help build.

3. If you want to receive email and/or participate in discussion:

\* We have an outgoing mailing list with updates no more often than monthly. Contact Star to get on (or off) the list, or use the web site.

\* Discussion group - This is a google list that allows any level of participation and is intended for people to brainstorm with the most amount of email. You can join it at:

<https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/ocate-cliffs-talk>

\* Twitter: [@OcateCliffs](https://twitter.com/OcateCliffs)

4. If you are ready to do something to move this along:

\* Major projects you can do: see <http://tribe.divergentlabs.org/Tribe/Needs>

\* Donations: see <http://www.divergentlabs.org/ocatecliffs/donate>

\* Donate by buying from Amazon here: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-4270511>

## 2019 April 9

Ocate Cliffs family,

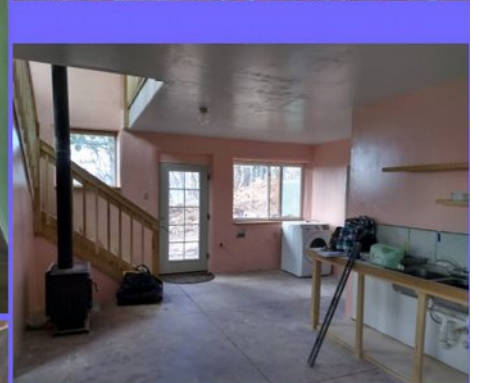
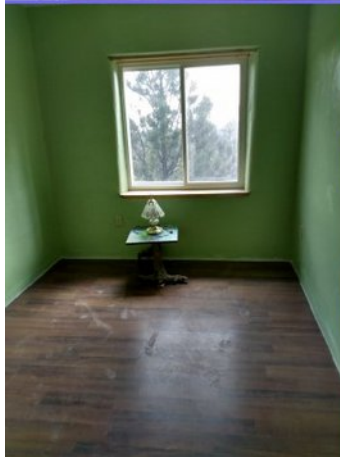
After five months of being snowed in, we finally got up the mountain this week! And so I can bring you these pictures at long last, showing the Rusty Nail (the staff house) which is done and ready to officially move into. The pictures show the downstairs (kitchen, wood stove, and shower), the upstairs (living room and one of the six bedrooms), and a view from the upstairs balcony.

All the paint, tile, railings, counters, and wood floors that you see in the pictures were done by volunteers from the last couple years.

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Outside of the retreat, people can come and live and help build the program. Please get in touch with me to find out how, and please forward this to anyone you know who might like an opportunity like this.

In service,  
Star Ford, Program Manager



## **2019 April 24**

Ocate Cliffs family,

Reminder for those interested in the retreat in June: Please sign up by the end of April! Currently we are low on volunteers and may have to cancel, but if there are a few more signing up in the next week, then there will be enough people to go ahead with it. The international group was canceled because of some travel/visa issues.

It's free, and will be June 2-15. It's a time to meet great people while helping with building trails, a tool shed, and other projects. The page with additional information is here:

<http://www.divergentlabs.org/ocatecliffs/volunteer/international-work-retreat-june-2019/>

For those wishing to come and live for longer times (the whole summer, or more) and help build our program, contact me and we can work out arrangements outside the retreat timeframe.

In service,  
Star Ford, Program Manager

## **2019 June 26**

Ocate Cliffs family,

After a long and wet winter at Ocate Cliffs - snow through May! - the oaks are thriving, the pasture is green and the horses will soon be coming back.

I thought some of you might be interested in the size of this last project we did - installing 20,000 gallons of water capacity. This gives us the ability to service the well and not run out of water, as well as to have more water to fight a fire.

Ocate Cliffs is a place where acceptance and inclusion of all different people comes first. If you come here as a disabled person, there is no special or limited role for you, no development goals, no distinction by ability level; you are just a whole person - one of us.

The planned work retreat was canceled this year but we are still open for people to come and stay and volunteer, and help host visitor groups.

