

The Elevation of Everything

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Thanks to recent innovations in luxury residential real estate, members of the one percent are not only living better, they're learning how to live longer. We'll introduce you to three unique retreats in Utah, Idaho and California that are taking trophy real estate to the next level.

Whitetail Confidential—Idaho's Best-Kept Prospect



Think Idaho is all potatoes and plaid? You haven't met Whitetail Club. Perched in the high-country of McCall on the shores of Payette Lake—where the air smells like pine and the pace of life is dictated by the arc of the sun—this 1,300-acre private community is quietly rewriting the rules of Rocky Mountain luxury. It's like Ralph Lauren and Jack Nicklaus designed a summer camp for grown-ups who like their wilderness with a side of Wagyu.

The 7,200-yard, par-72 Whitetail Club Golf Course offers 18 holes with magnum opus views of ponderosa pines and trout ponds. Ranked among Golf Digest's Top 100 in America, it was designed by renowned architect Roger Packard and U.S. Open champion Andy North.



Whitetail's real showstopper is Legacy Ranch, its newest crown jewel, recently released. A 365-acre enclave of just 36 sprawling homesites—each five to 20 acres of buildable, big-sky canvas—where you live the land instead of just gazing at it. Perched along the ridge line or in the hush of the meadow, these lots whisper with possibility. Think custom poolscapes, open-air soaking tubs, outdoor monolith fireplaces made from local stone, the faint whiff of s'mores in the evening breeze.

Beyond the driving range drawing in the big wigs—it's the barn possibilities. Not the creaky, hay-scented kind. These architectural gems are designed to house your Polaris, pontoon boat, Nighthawk Cigarette racer, vintage G Wagon or your fleet of fishing kayaks. Whitetail is leaning all the way into the toy barn, turning utility into art—the outbuilding as new status symbol.



Whitetail's brand of luxury isn't splashy—it's intentional. Everything, from the full amenities of the neighboring Shore Lodge resort, to the three private clubhouses, to the sublime Cove Spa, feels like it belongs, born organically of the terrain. Generational living isn't just welcomed but encouraged. You're as likely to find barefoot grandkids playing cornhole as you are CEOs perfecting their swing.

There's something undeniably magnetic about Whitetail Club—understated yet unshakably confident. Mountain living where frontier grit meets architectural grace. Indeed, Whitetail is a love letter to the land, sealed with a fly-fishing hook.