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## 20) Hescock-2 Paul's Ledges in December 2003

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*(and the side deal that made it possible)*



It is important to know that there were two Hescock purchases. The story of Hescock-1 in Westminster, purchased earlier in 2001, included accounts of Kevin Hescock firing wooden bolts at intruders out of his home-made cannons. Hescock-2 was higher up on the ridge in Athens. This 35.1-acre parcel, purchased in December 2003, was the one with the house and all the vehicles, an incredible number of other items, plus huge amounts of broken glass that had to be removed.

On this parcel, Kevin Hescock had built the road from Old Athens Road up to his house site with his own excavator and had built his house way up on what we now call Paul's Ledges. How he ever did it was a wonder! It was a decent road, and the house was nicely designed. It sat right on the ledge and looked out on the mountains to the west. But it wasn't warm; it wasn't really insulated.

Unfortunately, by 2003, the Hescocks' living situation high on the ridge was becoming challenging. Kevin had been a skilled laborer, building stone walls and driving heavy machinery until a back injury incapacitated him. He, his wife Lisa, their eight-year-old son, and their horse Flame were up there on the ridge in a harsh winter with limited resources. It was a heart-wrenching