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**FROM MODEST MOTEL TO ELEGANT INN,
HIGHLAND HAVEN CELEBRATES 30 YEARS
OF OUTSTANDING HOSPITALITY**

EVERGREEN, Colo.—For three decades, the Highland Haven Creekside Inn has undergone a remarkable evolution from humble mountain motel to one of the country’s most distinguished, romantic inns. But one thing has remained constant over the years: unsurpassed service. This May, the venerable Highland Haven celebrates 30 years in the hospitality industry. Several plans will mark the occasion:

- During the month of May, the inn is offering a 30 percent savings on any new reservations booked Sundays through Thursdays.
- From May through December, inn owner Gail Riley will offer a special Recipe of the Month from her book, *Colorado Cravings, Recipes and Romance*. A new recipe reflecting the season or holiday will be the featured each month on the website, (www.highlandhaven.com), and in the Dailey Cabin during the inn’s breakfast service.
- Since the Highland Haven is considered one of the country’s most romantic inns, guests will have the opportunity to complete the sentence “Romance Is...” on a beautiful poster board, which will be framed and permanently placed in the historic Dailey Cabin.
- Husband and wife inn owners Tom Statzell and Gail Riley are announcing plans for the inn’s first major expansion – a 700-square-foot, above-ground, environmentally friendly guest accommodation called The Tree House.

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The new space will consist of rich woods and plush furnishings in the tradition of the Highland Haven. It will be the inn's "greenest" accommodation, an energy-efficient unit constructed largely of reclaimed and sustainable materials, with the goal of earning LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

"These 30 years have been an incredible journey -- full of challenges, but the perfect life for us," said Riley, who, with husband Tom, raised their children at the inn. Today, their daughter Roxy and her husband, Blake Alexander, manage the inn. Son Jaxon, who graduates this Spring from the University of Colorado with a degree in architecture, is working on The Tree House.

"We are satisfied and gratified as a couple and a family and professionals to have built a business of substance. By nurturing our guests and our community, we feel we've made a difference in people's lives, including our own."

The Highland Haven was named one of the Top 10 Most Romantic Inns of the Year for 2009 by www.iloveinns.com, one of the nation's Top 10 Most Romantic Cottages by *Sunset* magazine and Best Bed and Breakfast by *Mountain Living* magazine.

In addition, USA Book News' National Best Books 2008 Awards honored Riley's book, *Colorado Cravings, Recipes and Romance from the Award-Winning Highland Haven Creekside Inn*, as a finalist in the general cookbook category.

Known for its exceptional customer service and delicious homemade breakfasts, the Highland Haven features 17 rooms, suites and cottages, each distinctly appointed in "Colorado chic" décor, designed for maximum comfort and luxury. For reservations and information, call 303-674-3577 or visit www.highlandhaven.com.

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