

Petition for Review / Correction of Assessed Value Real Property		
Assessment Year		
Parcel ID Number	8B3301060010	
Name of Applicant	Kurt & Kristi West	
Email Address	jackcreek08@gmail.com	

## 2023 Filing Deadline: Monday April 3rd, 2023

#### Please attach all supporting documentation

Paradistra Company		IC INFORMATION	I-DUCUMENT.	S FILED WITH AN A	IPPEAL I	BECOME PUBLIC INFORMATION	
Parcel ID Number	er 8B3301060010	8B3301060010					
Owner Name	Kurt & Kristi Wes	Kurt & Kristi West					
Primary Phone #		321-3836		Email Addres	S	jackcreek08@gmail.com	
Physical Address	Physical Address 16700 Ocean View Drive Juneau			Mailing Address	ess	16700 Ocean View Drive	
						Juneau, AK 99801	
LI DOMESTICA CONTRACTOR	M						
Why are you appealing your value? Check box and provide a detailed explanation below for your appeal to be valid.							
	y value is excessive/			THE FOLLOWING ARE <u>NOT</u> GROUNDS FOR APPEAL			
a. A. D. College	y value is unequal to	THE PERSON NAMED IN TAXABLE DESIGNATION	- National State of the State o	<ul> <li>Your taxes are too high</li> </ul>			
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My property has been undervalued			<ul> <li>You can't afford the taxes</li> </ul>				
	ion(s) was not applie						
	reasons and provide						
Our home is identical to one of the attachments and very similar to the other attachment, but our assessment is much higher. Bottom line is we still have a one bedroom log cabin, have not made any improvements, and our assessment has conintued to skyrocket. It's disturbing that the year we qualify for the \$150K exemption, our assessment goes up \$150K.							
Have you attached additional information or documentatio			mentation?	177	V	Yes No	
Values on Assess	ment Notice:						
Site	\$167,200	Building	\$574,	500	Total	\$741,700	
Owner's Estimat	e of Value:						
Site .	\$150,000	Building	\$440,00	00	Total	\$590,000	
Purchase Price o	f Property:						
Price	\$375,000	375,000		Purchase Date Jul		y 2013	
Has the property been listed for sale? [ ] Yes [ ] No (if yes complete next line)					line)		
Listing Price	cting Price \$ D		Days on M	Days on Market			
Was the property appraised by a licensed appraiser within the last year? [ ] Yes [ No (if yes provide copy of appraisal)							
Certification:  I hereby affirm that the foregoing information is true and correct, I understand that I bear the burden of proof and I must provide evidence supporting my appeal, and that I am the owner (or owner's authorized agent) of the property described above.							
Signature La Devical					Date –	3/27/23	

Contact Us: CBJ Assessors Office			
Phone/Fax	Email	Website	Address
Phone # (907) 586-5215 ext 4906 Fax # (907) 586-4520	Assessor.Office@juneau.gov	http://www.juneau.org/finance	155 South Seward St. Rm. 114 Juneau AK 99801

Kurt West cover letter and attachments in support of assessment appeal.

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Thanks for listening,



#### **Current Owner**

THOMAS R MILLER & DIANA M MILLER PO BOX 211211, AUKE BAY AK 99821

 Parcel #: 3B4101000050 (Map)
 Address: 24325 AMALGA
 Legal Desc. 1: USS 1375 FR
 Legal Desc. 2:

HARBOR RD

 Prev. Owner: CHESTER T
 Site Value: \$128500.00
 Building PV: \$352900.00
 Total PV: \$481400.00

MILLER

Exempt Land: 150000

Use Code: Residential Exempt: Senior Citizen Zoning: Rural Reserve Tax Year: 2022

 No. of Units: 001
 Year Built: 2006
 Gross Liv. Area: 001642 sqft

 Garage: No
 Garage Area: 000000
 Lot Size: 1.50
 Last Trans: 20050113

Exempt Total: 150000

Road/No Road: No Data

City Water: No City Sewer: No

**Exempt Building: 0** 

#### Search the Database

Search the database using the search box below. The field accepts any search parameter (owner's name, address, parcel number, year built, etc.).





#### **Current Owner**

RICHARD LEROY MALONEY

PO BOX 211184, AUKE BAY AK 99821

Parcel #: 3B4101010050 (Map)

Prev. Owner: RICHARD LEROY

MALONE

Use Code: Multiple

Improvements

No. of Units: 001

Garage: No

City Water: No

Exempt Land: 150000

Address: 25115 GLACIER HWY

Site Value: \$168400.00

Exempt: Senior Citizen

Year Built: 0

Garage Area: 000000

City Sewer: No

**Exempt Building:** 0

**Legal Desc. 1:** USS 1375 FR **Legal Desc. 2:** 

**Building PV:** \$346900.00 **Total PV:** \$515300.00

Zoning: Rural Reserve Tax Year: 2022

Lot Size: 11.00

Gross Liv. Area: 001357 sqft

Last Trans: 20221012

Exempt Total: 150000 Road/No Road: No Data

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Legal Desc. 2:

Gross Liv. Area: 001166 sqft

Last Trans: 20210309



#### Assessor's Database

## **Current Owner**

DAVID AND KRISTIN GRAY LIVING TRUST 16585 PT LENA LOOP RD, JUNEAU AK 99801

Parcel #: 8B3301000130 (Map) Address: 16585 PT LENA LOOP

RD

Prev. Owner: ALAN G GRAYSite Value: \$384400.00Building PV: \$260700.00Total PV: \$645100.00Use Code: ResidentialExempt: Senior CitizenZoning: -Single Family andTax Year: 2022

Duplex -12,000 sq.ft minimum lot size -3 units per acre

Legal Desc. 1: USS 3053 LT 4

No. of Units: 001 Year Built: 1943

Garage: Yes Garage Area: 000360 Lot Size: 34412.00
City Water: Yes City Sewer: No

Exempt Land: 150000 Exempt Building: 0 Exempt Total: 150000 Road/No Road: Roaded

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#### **Current Owner**

CONSTANCE JOAN SATHRE

PO BOX 211104, AUKE BAY AK 99821

Parcel #: 8B3301050060 (Map) Address: 16701 OCEAN VIEW

Year Built: 2016

Prev. Owner: CITY AND Site Value: \$203200.00

**BOROUGH OF** 

No. of Units: 002

Tax Year: 2022 Use Code: Residential Exempt: Senior Citizen Zoning: -Single Family and

> Duplex -12,000 sq.ft minimum lot size -3 units per acre

Garage: Yes Garage Area: 000576

City Water: Yes City Sewer: No **Exempt Building: 0** Exempt Land: 150000

Legal Desc. 1: SOUTH LENA BL Legal Desc. 2:

BLT 6

Building PV: \$335800.00 Total PV: \$539000.00

Gross Liv. Area: 001905 sqft

Lot Size: 37709.00 Last Trans: 20070727

Road/No Road: Roaded Exempt Total: 150000

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Legal Desc. 2:

Tax Year: 2022



## Assessor's Database

#### **Current Owner**

ADAM S ANDERSON & NADJA B ANDERSON 16671 OCEAN VIEW DR, JUNEAU AK 99801

Parcel #: 8B3301050050 (Map) Address: 16671 OCEAN VIEW

DR

Prev. Owner: DON E WELLS Site Value: \$211200.00

Use Code: Residential Exempt: No Data

No. of Units: 001 Year Built: 2018

Garage: No Garage Area: 000000

City Water: Yes City Sewer: No

Exempt Land: 0 Exempt Building: 0 Exe

Legal Desc. 1: SOUTH LENA BL

BLT 5

**Building PV:** \$302100.00 **Total PV:** \$513300.00

**Zoning:** -Single Family and Duplex -12,000 sq.ft minimum

lot size -3 units per acre

Gross Liv. Area: 001560 sqft

Lot Size: 47811.00 Last Trans: 20170508

Exempt Total: 0 Road/No Road: Roaded

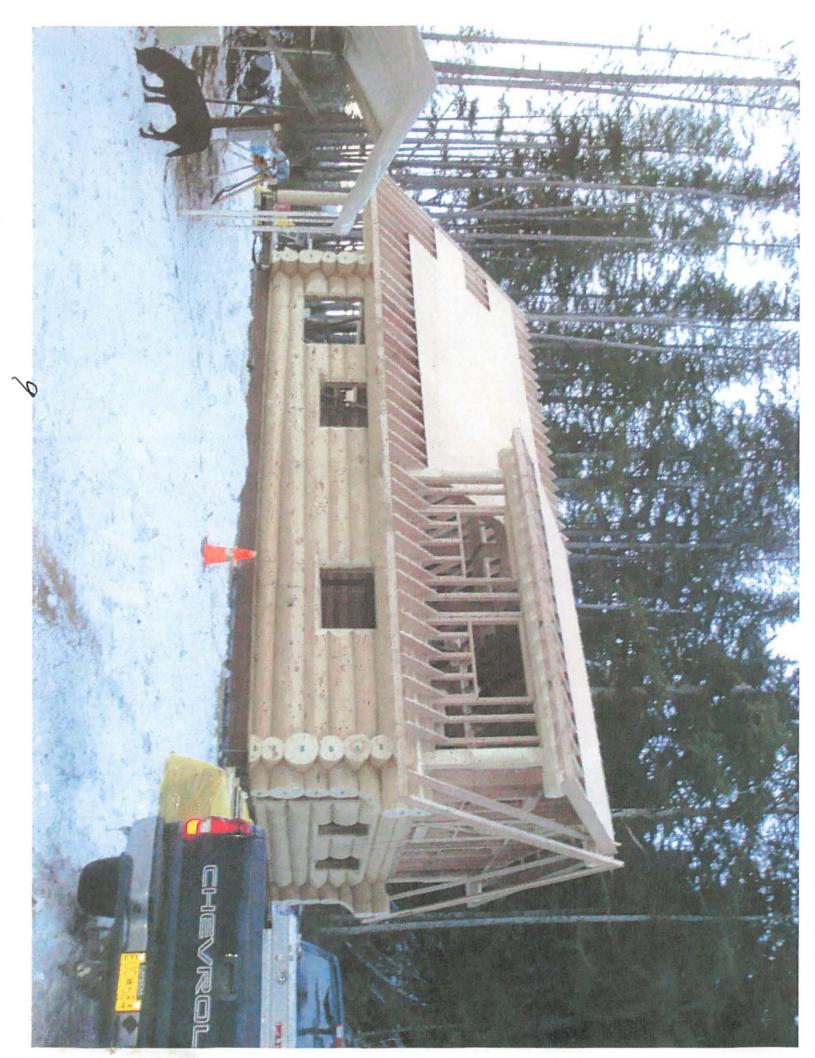
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#### **Keizer Logworks**

Final Invoice for West log home	2/1/2013
Payments received	18,113.00 US
	18,427.43 US
	13,584.75 Canadian
Final payment	4,528.25
Screw jacks supplied by Keizer instead of West	385.00
Balance owed	\$4,913.25
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Appraiser to fill out  Appraiser  Appraiser  Jacob Clark  Date of Review  5/15/2023  Comments: 5/22/2023 Appeal. Reviewed appraisals 2012 and 2016. R/CJC  2023 Value: Site: \$167,200 Improvements: \$574,500 Total: \$741,700  Appellant rejected via phone call - BOE				
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Site         \$167,200         Building         \$574,500         Total         \$741,700           Exemptions         \$				
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APPELLANT RESPONSE TO ACTION BY ASSESSOR  I hereby Accept Reject the following assessment valuation in the amount of \$741,700  If rejected, appellant will be scheduled before the Board of Equalization and will be advised of the date & time to appear.  Appellant's Signature Date: 5/22/2023				
Appellant Accept Value     Yes     No (if no skip to Board of Equalization)				
Govern Updated Severn Updated No No				
Spreadsheet Updated Yes No				
Corrected Notice of Assessed Value Sent Yes No				
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION				
Scheduled BOE Date Yes No				
10-Day Letter Sent				
The Board of Equalization certifies its decision, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law contained within the				
recorded hearing and record on appeal, and concludes that the appellant [O] Met [O] Did not meet the burden of proof that the assessment was unequal, excessive, improper or under/overvalued.				
Notes:				
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Site \$ Building \$ Total \$				
Exemptions \$ Total Taxable Value \$				

Contact Us: CBJ Assessors Office				
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I am attaching a few pictures that were taken on 6/6/23 that give a few examples of the ongoing issues we are dealing with, having built a log home with green spruce logs.

Pictures 1, 2, and 3 show how much the logs have shrunk over time and slid down the sheetrock and shrunk inward away from the sheetrock.

In picture 4, the top horizontal trim on both the inside and outside have been pushed down over time as the logs settled. This has occurred to all the window and door trim in the downstairs. Each piece will have to be removed carefully, trimmed and replaced.

Picture 5 shows how the settling has pushed down on the vertical trim around the door and caused the trim to bow out from the door.

Picture 6 is of more concern and may become a structural issue. The roof purlin has twisted and most of the purlin is now resting on the edge of the post supporting it.

Picture 7 is of the bottom log on the southside of our house. It to has twisted and checked and is showing some signs of deteriorating.

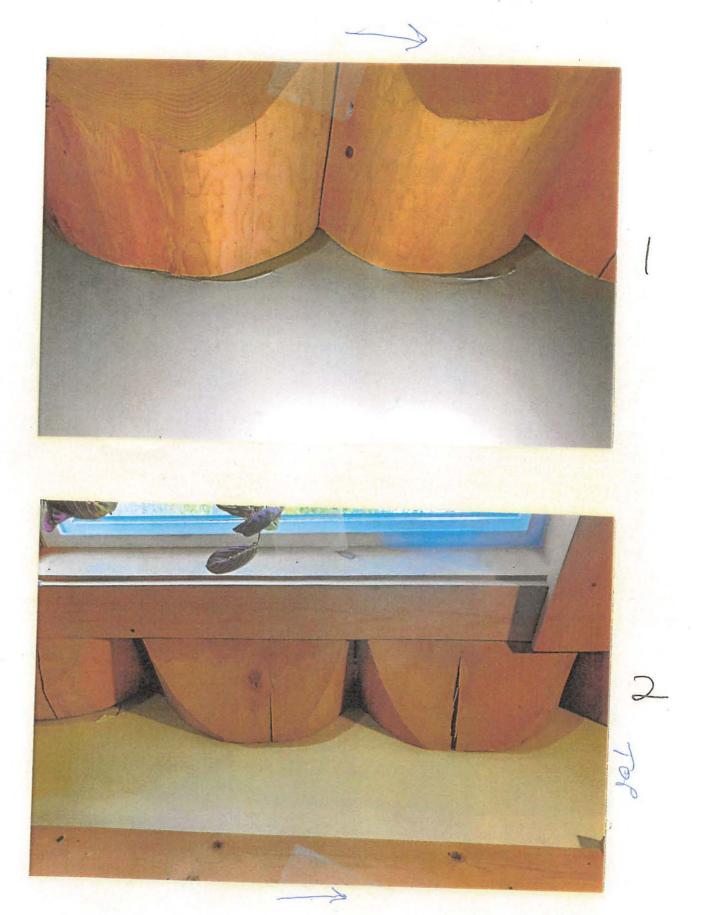
Picture 8 is of the entrance to the downstairs bathroom. Because we were initially told that the logs would settle 4 – 7 inches over time, the few interior walls we have could not be connected to the ceiling. So whatever goes on in that bathroom is shared with the rest of the house.

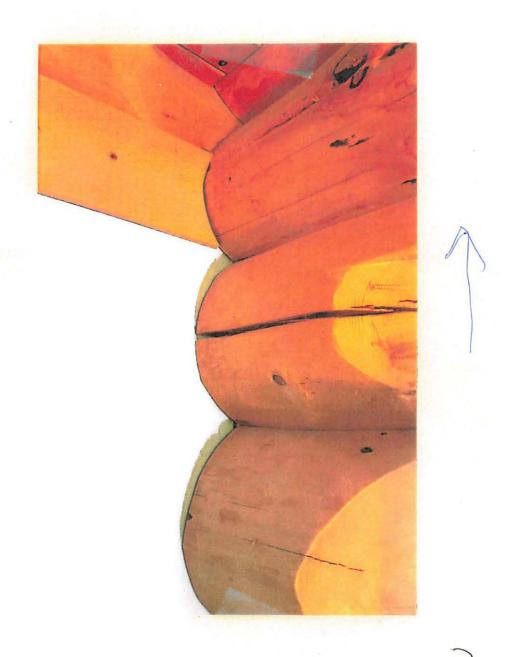
In addition to these pictures, I am also including my appeal that I gave to the assessor's office in April and a letter from Mike Lockridge, one of the contractors who we subbed portions of the construction to.

We invited the assessor to come and take a look at our house, but were told they had enough information.

We have argued that we have a one bedroom loghome, built with the most affordable materials we could find, and were able to accomplish it with much less man hours than a stick frame house. We have also argued that the assessor's office cannot apply the same formula to a log home and a stick frame home. We have not received a response to these concerns. I doubt Kirdultil there are any other one bedroom homes assessed at \$741,000.

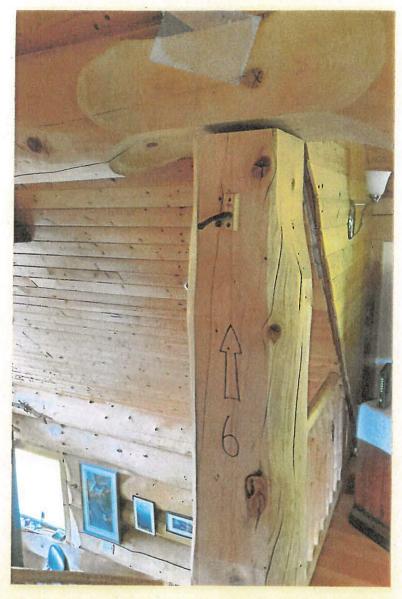
Thanks for listening and participating on the board.











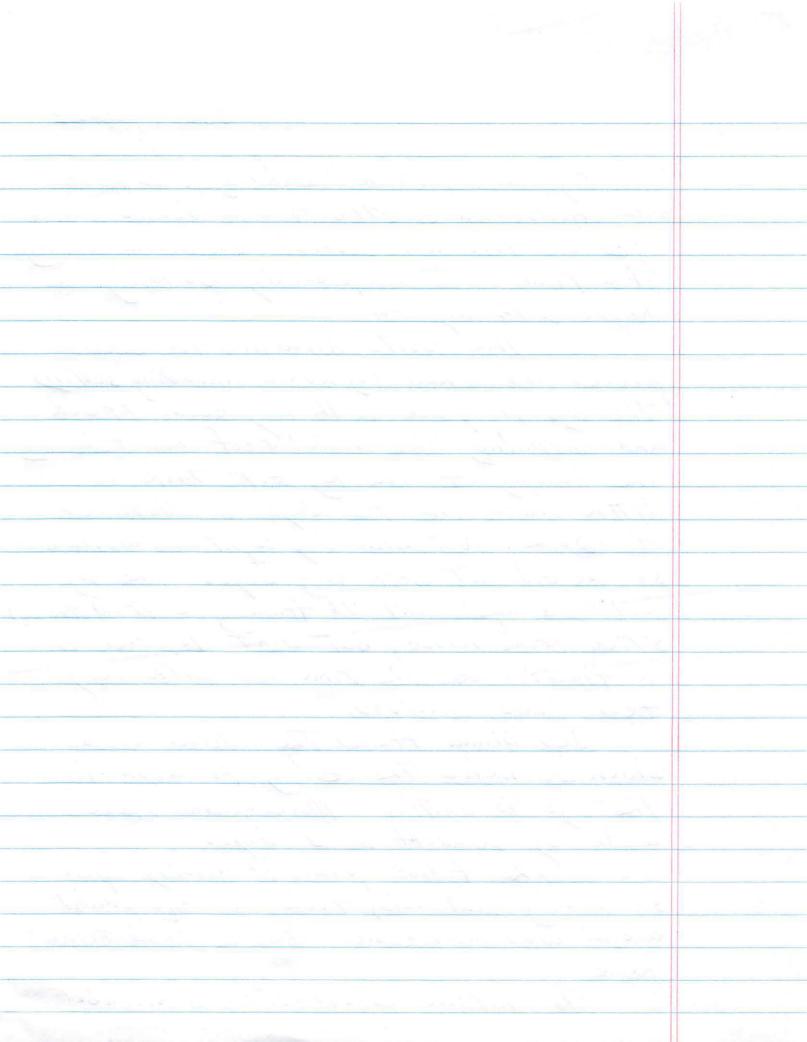






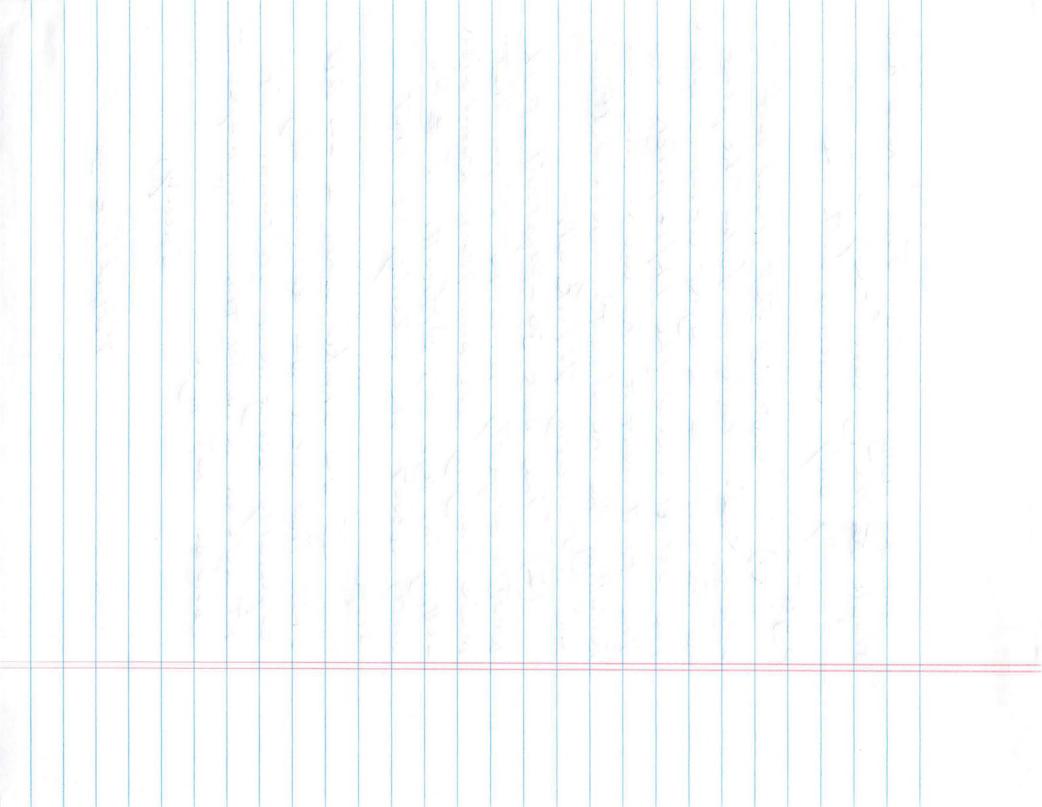


My name 13 Michael Lock ridge, I have been involved in construction in Junear schee 1980 and have had several businesses during This time. I amprovently building a house with my son. The West's hired me for several The logs in place with my boom truck and installing The metal roof and flashing. The ratsong of The log kit took a lottle more Than two days in November of 2012. Not much day light in November so we dod not work long Leys. The log Kit was equivalent to training a traditional stick frame house, but went together in a fraction of the time, and with very few hands hvolved. Jed Dinnan Framed The interior walls which are below The coefing to allow for The logs to settles the completed Those walls by homself in 3 Jays. The floor plan is mostly open so moving naterials, tools, and equipment around was much easier Then a traditional To instate construction in November



simple the log cabin roully is.

My only concerns with The project were (1) The contractor That framed roof with 2 x12's failed to follow the plans and The roof has a higher elevation where The dormer neets the 12/12 potch on The front half of The cabin. This made installing The metal roofing more difficult and not pleasing to lock at, (2) The back 30 - 40 percent of the West's gropesty is a 45° slope That made swhying The boom truck around when setting The logs very Settroutt, I ado worry about The stability of That I was shocked when I was Told what The cabin was assessed at, especially being a 1 bedroom. If it were on a water front lot, maybe it could be That high, Succely, Michael Lockride



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PO BOX 211211, AUKE BAY AK 99821

Parcel #: 3B4101000050 (Map)

Prev. Owner: CHESTER T MILLER

Use Code: Residential

No. of Units: 001

Garage: No

City Water: No

Exempt Land: 150000

Address: 24325 AMALGA HARBOR RD

**Site Value:** \$128500.00

Exempt: Senior Citizen

Year Built: 2006

Garage Area: 000000

City Sewer: No

**Exempt Building:** 0

Legal Desc. 1: USS 1375 FR

Building PV: \$448100.00

Zoning: Rural Reserve

Lot Size: 1.50

Exempt Total: 150000

Legal Desc. 2:

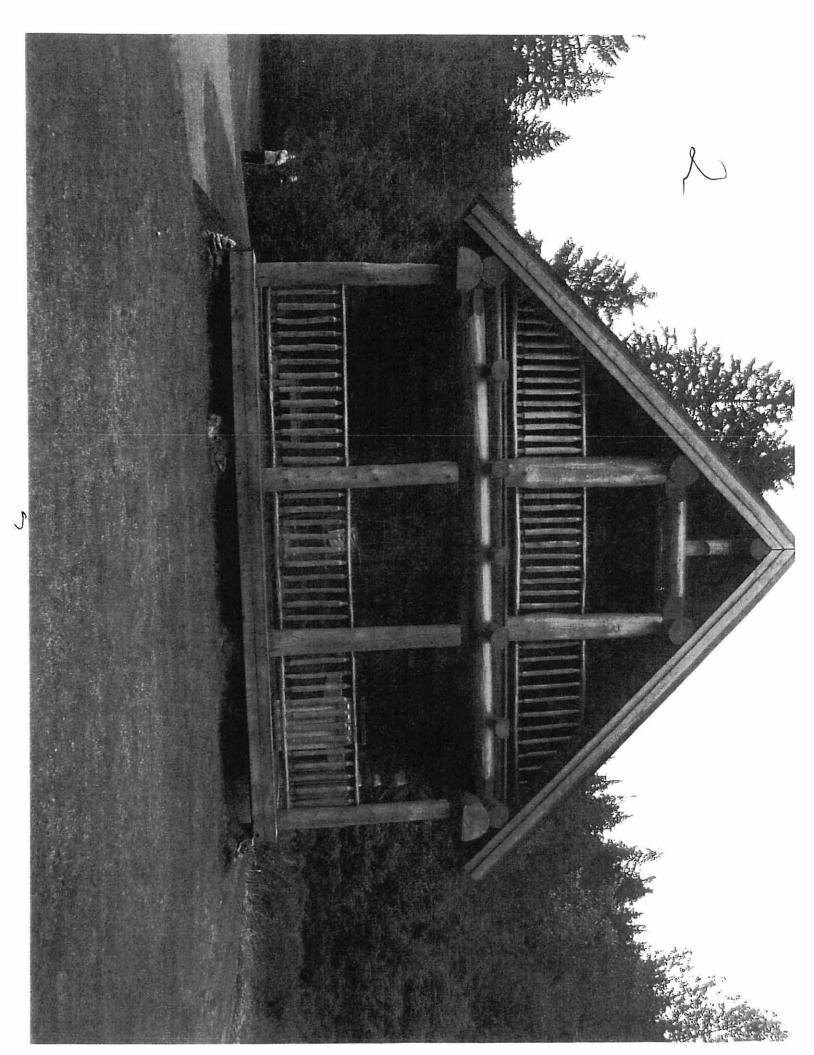
Total PV: \$576600.00

Tax Year: 2023

Gross Liv. Area: 001642 sqft

Last Trans: 20050113

Road/No Road: No Data







#### **Current Owner**

STORM BLACKWELL HIESTAND

34384 COLUMBINE TRL E, ELIZABETH CO 80107

Parcel #: 3B4101010050 (Map)

Prev. Owner: RICHARD LEROY MALONE

Use Code: Multiple Improvements

No. of Units: 001

Garage: No

City Water: No

Exempt Land: 150000

Address: 25115 GLACIER HWY

Site Value: \$168400.00

Exempt: Senior Citizen

Year Built: 0

Garage Area: 000000

City Sewer: No

**Exempt Building: 0** 

### Second Owner

RICHARD LEROY MALONEY II

2322 CLAIBORNE CIR, SANTA ROSA CA 95403

Legal Desc. 1: USS 1375 FR

Building PV: \$453600.00

Zoning: Rural Reserve

Lot Size: 11.00

Exempt Total: 150000

Legal Desc. 2:

Total PV: \$622000.00

Tax Year: 2023

Gross Liv. Area: 001357 sqft

Last Trans: 20230406

Road/No Road: No Data





#### **Current Owner**

DAVID AND KRISTIN GRAY LIVING TRUST 16585 PT LENA LOOP RD, JUNEAU AK 99801

Parcel #: 8B3301000130 (Map)
Prev. Owner: ALAN G GRAY
Use Code: Residential

No. of Units: 001 Garage: Yes City Water: Yes

Exempt Land: 150000

Address: 16585 PT LENA LOOP RD

Site Value: \$416800.00 Exempt: Senior Citizen

Year Built: 1943 Garage Area: 000360 City Sewer: No Exempt Building: 0 Legal Desc. 1: USS 3053 LT 4

Building PV: \$427300.00

Zoning: -Single Family and Duplex -12,000

sq.ft minimum lot size -3 units per acre

Lot Size: 34412.00

Exempt Total: 150000

Legal Desc. 2:

Total PV: \$844100.00

Tax Year: 2023

Gross Liv. Area: 001166 sqft

Last Trans: 20210309

Road/No Road: Roaded



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Prev. Owner: CITY AND BOROUGH OF

Use Code: Residential

No. of Units: 002

Garage: Yes

City Water: Yes

Exempt Land: 150000

Address: 16701 OCEAN VIEW DR

**Site Value:** \$220300.00

Exempt: Senior Citizen

Year Built: 2016

Garage Area: 000576

City Sewer: No

**Exempt Building:** 0

Legal Desc. 1: SOUTH LENA BL B LT 6

Building PV: \$394300.00

Zoning: -Single Family and Duplex -12,000

sq.ft minimum lot size -3 units per acre

Lot Size: 37709.00

Exempt Total: 150000

Legal Desc. 2:

Total PV: \$614600.00

Tax Year: 2023

Gross Liv. Area: 001905 sqft

Last Trans: 20070727

Road/No Road: Roaded





#### **Current Owner**

ADAM S ANDERSON & NADJA B ANDERSON 16671 OCEAN VIEW DR, JUNEAU AK 99801

Parcel #: 8B3301050050 (Map)
Prev. Owner: DON E WELLS

Use Code: Residential

No. of Units: 001

Garage: No City Water: Yes

Exempt Land: 0

Address: 16671 OCEAN VIEW DR

**Site Value:** \$229000.00

Exempt: No Data

Year Built: 2018

Garage Area: 000000

City Sewer: No

Exempt Building: 0

Legal Desc. 1: SOUTH LENA BL B LT 5

Building PV: \$359800.00

Zoning: -Single Family and Duplex -12,000

sq.ft minimum lot size -3 units per acre

Lot Size: 47811.00

Exempt Total: 0

Legal Desc. 2:

Total PV: \$588800.00

Tax Year: 2023

Gross Liv. Area: 001560 sqft

Last Trans: 20170508

Road/No Road: Roaded

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