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Ryker and a home she designed near Livingston, MT, with the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness in the distance.

"There's wisdom in  
adaptation. Look at the  
saguaro, which lives for  
more than 150 years in the  
deserts."

## "It takes a long time to understand how rich the wilderness is"

—Lori Ryker, architect

A road trip through the West's vast open spaces, populated by bears and elk, inspired StudioRyker's principal designer, a native Texan, to want to preserve the wilderness. Now, after a decade in Montana, the author of *Off the Grid Homes* is known for her eco-friendly, solar-powered dwellings.

### **KEEPING THE "COUNTRY" IN**

**BACKCOUNTRY** Through her nonprofit Artemis Institute, Ryker instills responsibility toward nature by backpacking with college students while teaching them ecology, philosophy, and green architecture. ■