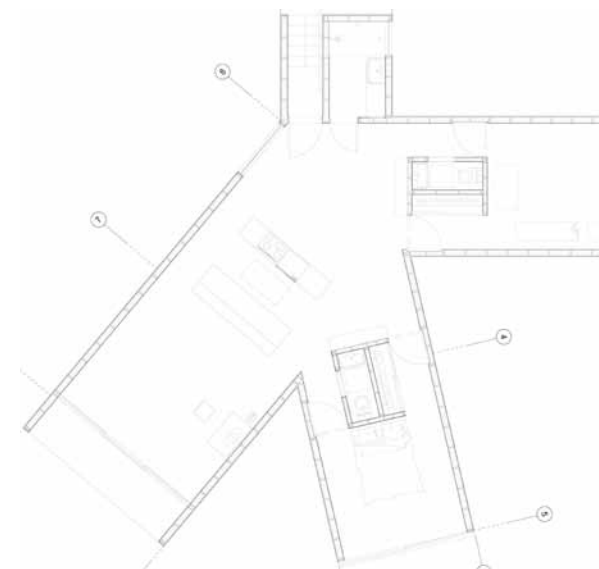


## MOOSE ROAD HOUSE

UKIAH, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES

Architects: Mork Ulnes Architects

Area: 1,140 square feet



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Ukiah is located in northwestern California in Mendocino County. This house was built in Ukiah in 2011 for a low budget of about \$216,000 with the idea of framing three separate views: a mountain ridge; Eagle Rock, a nearby 2,418-foot summit; and vineyards below. Also of interest to the architects was the preservation of the existing oak trees on the site. The “three-finger” design of the house was laid out to save the trees. Moose Road House is set up on steel stilts to avoid cutting tree roots and, in connection with sustainability goals set by the clients, also obviating the need for any expensive excavation work on the slightly sloped site. Interior spaces have ample full-height glazing, framing the views as planned but also putting residents in very direct contact with the natural setting that is closer by. Standard-size off-the-shelf products, including unfinished plywood and OSB (oriented strand board), were used to reduce waste and hold down construction costs.

Architect Casper Mork-Ulnes was born in Norway and then raised in Italy, Scotland, and the United States. He has won emerging-talent awards in both Oslo and San Francisco, the two locations where his firm Mork Ulnes Architects has offices.



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