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Hello from Lake Keowee! We are very fortunate to be located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountain range in upstate South Carolina. We received a few calls from folks considering our area as their new home inquiring about the recent flooding that has impacted our fellow neighbors in central and southern South Carolina. We were the recipients of some very beneficial rain fall, but we were spared flooding. We have an area that seems to be by-passed by many of the weather patterns that plague other regions.

This fall has been wonderful for our residents. Temperatures have been in the 70's and low 80's and Clemson University's football program has produced some real excitement for us. This area provides so much opportunity to enjoy daily living and yet we are under an hour away from the great city of Greenville, SC.

So, what is going on in the Lake Keowee housing market? Are we enjoying the vibrancy that we hear about in the news? Take a look at this summary of water front and interior homes closed year-to-date through September 30, 2015 compared to last year.

SUMMARY - Homes Sold YTD 09-30-2015 to 9-30-2014 Comparison											
Status	Total Sold Price Vol	Total Asking Price Vol	Sold Price % of Ask Price	Ave. D.O.M.	Ave Sale Price	Ave. Ask Price	Count	Bank Own			
All Keowee WF Homes Sold YTD 09-30-2015:	90,312,530	98,602,779	91.6%	149	684,186	746,991	132	1			
All Keowee WF Homes Sold YTD 09-30-2014:	81,302,272	88,422,317	91.9%	175	645,256	701,764	126	7			
Difference:	9,010,258	10,180,462	-0.3%	-26	38,930	45,227	6	-6			
Keowee Key WF Homes Sold YTD 09-30-2015: Keowee Key WF Homes Sold YTD 09-30-2014:	11,824,500 12,767,300	12,843,600 13,867,500	92.1% 92.1%	218 255	514,109 510,692	558,417 554,700	23 25	1 1			
Difference:	-942,800	-1,023,900	0.0%	-37	3,417	3,717	-2	0			
Cliffs & Reserve WF Homes Sold YTD 09-30-2015: Cliffs & Reserve WF Homes Sold YTD 09-30-2014:	24,339,000 24,596,000	27,440,000 27,539,400	88.7% 89.3%	178 271	1,622,600 1,294,526	1,829,333 1,449,442	15 19	0 4			
Difference:	-257,000	-99,400	-0.6%	-93	328,074	379,891	-4	-4			
All Keowee Int Homes Sold YTD 09-30-2015:	32,685,744	34,517,918	94.7%	193	255,357	269,671	128	13			
All Keowee Int Homes Sold YTD 09-30-2014:	26,504,268	28,269,899	93.8%	206	259,846	277,156	102	13			
Difference:	6,181,476	6,248,019	0.9%	-13	-4,489	-7,485	26	0			
Keowee Key Int Homes Sold YTD 09-30-2015:	13,584,600	14,447,700	94.0%	200	202,755	215,637	67	6			
Keowee Key Int Homes Sold YTD 09-30-2014:	11,979,000	12,944,700	92.5%	204	217,800	235,358	55	5			
Difference:	1,605,600	1,503,000	1.5%	-4	-15,045	-19,721	12	1			
Cliffs & Reserve Int Homes Sold YTD 09-30-2015:	4,922,000	5,183,250	95.0%	419	615,250	647,906	8	2			
Cliffs & Reserve Int Homes Sold YTD 09-30-2014:	6,439,530	6,714,800	95.9%	341	585,412	610,436	11	4			
Difference:	-1,517,530	-1,531,550	-0.9%	78	29,838	37,470	-3	-2			

LAKE KEOWEE WATER FRONT HOME SALES YTD @ 09-30-15: Total Unit Sales are 132 water front homes. This is an increase of over 4.76% in homes sold and 6% increase in average sales price.

**Keowee Key**: 17.42% of the total units closed this year-to-date of all water front homes closed; average sales price per home up \$3,417/unit; unit volume is down about 8% over last year or 2 units. <u>Bottom line</u>: little change over all; flat.

**Cliffs Communities & The Reserve** @ Lake Keowee: These six communities, which five are Cliffs' communities, accounted for just over 11% of total closed water front homes; the average unit price is up over 25% on the units closed, but volume is down by 4 homes (-21%), and foreclosures down by 4 homes. <u>Bottom line:</u> prices up, home sales down and the foreclosures disappeared in the water front homes category.

## LAKE KEOWEE INTERIOR HOME SALES YTD @ 09-30-15: Total Unit Sales are 128 interior homes. Total homes closed volume up over 25%, but prices down about (1.75%).

- <u>Keowee Key</u>: 67 interior homes closed through 9/30/2015, which is 52% of the total interior units closed; average sales price per home is down (\$15,045) or (- 7.44%); unit volume is up about 22% over last year or 12 units. <u>Bottom line</u>: the average interior home sold price is \$202,755 and this is attractive to many home buyers.
- Cliffs Communities & The Reserve @ Lake Keowee: These six communities, which five are Cliffs' communities, accounted for just over 6% of total closed interior homes; the average sold price is up about 5.1% on the units closed, but volume is down by 3 homes and foreclosures down by 2 homes. <u>Bottom line:</u> prices up, home sales down.

## LAKE KEOWEE LOTS CLOSED BY CATEGORY 9-30-2015 VS 09-30-2014:

This table is a summary of both water front and interior lots that have closed year-to-date at 09-30-2015 and compares it to the 9-30-2014 period. These are multiple listing sales. These do not reflect the developer sales that have taken place over the spring, summer, and fall in various large developments such as Peninsula Pointe and Sunrise Pointe, which were "one day sales". Several of the lots that were purchased are now coming back on the market for sale.

This snapshot of the market is reflective of nine months of sales activity for listed properties. Overall, the water front lot average sales price has declined, yet twenty more lots closed year-to-date. The interior lots are up both in price as well as volume.

**Keowee Key** community has 11 water front and 44 interior lots listed for sale at 10-12-2015. Four water front and 6 interior lots closed at 09-30-2015. None were under contract pending closing.

**The Cliffs' Communities & The Reserve @ Lake Keowee** have combined water front lot sales of 46 closed lots at 09-30-2015; 8 lots pending and 164 lots for sale as of 10-12-2015. The Cliffs' Communities & The Reserve @ Lake Keowee have closed 18 interiors through 09-30-2015; 2 pending and 167 lots for sale.

All Lake Keowee WF LOTS Sold, Pending Status	g & Active Y Total Sold Price Vol	TD 09-30-20 Total Asking Price Vol	15 Compa Sold Price % of Ask Price	rison Ave. D.O.M.	Ave Sale Price	Ave. Ask Price	Count	Bank Own
All Keowee WF LOTS Sold YTD 09-30-2015:	34,145,850	38,084,100	89.7%	265	264,697	295,226	129	24
All Keowee WF LOTS Sold YTD 09-30-2014:	31,297,300	35,797,600	87.4%	223	287,131	328,418	109	19
Difference:	2,848,550	2,286,500	2.3%	42	-22,434	-33,192	20	5
All Keowee Interior LOTS Sold YTD 09-30-2015:	4,304,993	5,050,372	85.2%	413	64,254	75,379	67	19
All Keowee Interior LOTS Sold YTD 09-30-2014:	2,521,059	3,216,600	78.4%	304	45,837	58,484	55	15
Difference:	1,783,934	1,833,772	6.8%	109	18,417	16,895	12	4

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