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## Native Trails Exudes Enduring, Sustainable Beauty to the Kitchen, Appealing to Both Modernist and Old World Aficionados

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. - Native Trails**, leader in artisan-crafted, eco-conscious furnishings and fixtures for high-end kitchen and bath design, has created an array of hand-hammered kitchen sink styles that coordinate with the company's signature range hood. All are authentically one-of-a-kind, fashioned from recycled copper by skilled artisans who hand hammer and finish each piece.

Throughout its 15 years in existence, Native Trails has used recycled, reclaimed or sustainably certified materials to bring eclectic sophistication to luxury living. "We use recycled copper in our kitchen sinks and range hoods because practicing social and environmental responsibility – while also maintaining our distinct design aesthetic – are core values of Native Trails," says Naomi Neilson Howard, founder and CEO of Native Trails.

### **Process + Material:**

The process of creating a Native Trails sink or range hood begins with recycled copper – electrical wire, pipes and construction copper otherwise headed to the landfill – which is collected and melted to form sheets. Then, tried-and-true coppersmithing techniques, dating back to the age of the Aztecs, are applied. The warm-toned metal, heated and softened in an open forge, is hammered by hand with thousands of strokes over an anvil to form it into the desired shape.

Copper is malleable not only in its nature, but also in its aesthetic adaptability to a variety of décor styles. Native Trails sinks and range hoods are designed to blend well with traditional, country and old world looks, transitional and eclectic styles and clean-lined contemporary environments. They have the strength and durability to withstand daily use and offer the added benefit, which studies have proved, of the natural bacteria-fighting characteristic of copper.

#### **Design + Innovation:**

The company continues to push the boundaries of innovation, creating original designs and also drawing inspiration from sources that put a unique spin on tradition. Further, all Native Trails copper sinks and tubs are IAPMO listed, making them wholly functional pieces suitable for residential use. Native Trails sinks can serve as primary pieces, durable enough to multitask, or can easily function as a supplementary workstation or bar sink. The sinks can also be used outdoors; in addition to its bacteria-fighting properties, copper can endure weather conditions and fluctuations in temperature.

#### **Collections:**

Among the newest additions to Native Trails' products is **Paragon**, a contemporary treatment of the farmhouse sink. Paragon fits easily into standard cabinetry with no need for special dimensions or retrofitting. The piece provides a visual draw from a distance for its striking shape as much as it does for its intricate texture upon closer viewing. Made from 16-gauge recycled copper, the modern style is highlighted by the straight-edged 6.5" high front apron and enriched by its hand-hammered texture. Available as an undermount, Paragon is offered in Antique and Brushed Nickel finishes.

With the addition of Paragon, Native Trails now boasts a wide variety of kitchen and bar & prep sinks in its cadre of offerings. The Native Trails collection features single- and double-well options, universal and undermount formats in varying shapes, including square, rectangular, oval, round and even crescent. A full series of grids and rinsing baskets are available to coordinate with Native Trails' Antique, Natural and Brushed Nickel basins.

Additional highlights of Native Trails' kitchen collections, which are destined to suit myriad tastes, include:

- **Bistro**-the single-well, undermount rectangular design amply shows the sink's hand-hammered rich patina and 16-gauge, recycled copper. Available in Antique and hand-dipped Brushed Nickel finishes, the refined rounded corners, subtle texturing and lustrous shine leave no doubt about the high-end nature of the piece.
- **Bungalow**-hand-tooled for both beauty and functionality, this single-well, undermount, apron front sink is made from 16-gauge, hand-hammered recycled copper. The apron extends a generous 3.5" on the sides and is crafted with smooth, rounded edges. Available in Antique and hand-dipped Brushed Nickel finishes.
- Cocina-this series of undermount sinks made from 16-gauge, hand-hammered recycled copper sinks is one of Native Trails' most versatile. Two single-well models are available: the Chica, measuring 21.5" across, and the Grande, measuring 33" across. Double-well units include: the Duet, measuring 33" and the Duet Pro, measuring 40" across. All models have a 3.5" drain and available in Antique and hand-dipped Brushed Nickel finishes.
- Farmhouse-this handsome apron front is updated with texturing from thousands of hammer hits. The undermount install allows for maximized counter and workspace and is available in Antique and hand-dipped Brushed Nickel finishes. Available in three versions—the single-basin version measures 33" across; while two double-basin models are also offered: with the Farmhouse Duet measuring 33" across, and the largest, the Farmhouse Duet Pro, measuring 40" in length. Available accessories include a 3.5" basket strainer, a basket strainer with disposer trim, a bottom grid and a rinsing basket.
- **Zuma**-embodies updated, contemporary styling in its striking angled apron front. Characterized by its dynamic slanted edge, the undermount sink, made of 16-gauge, hand-hammered, recycled copper, is offered in Antique and hand-dipped Brushed Nickel finishes.

• Range Hoods-artisan-crafted range hoods create a warm, compelling focal point for the kitchen and are ideal complements to the company's kitchen sinks. The wall-mounted unit is made with hand-hammered copper textured with thousands of strokes that richly highlight the Antique and hand-dipped Brushed Nickel finishes offered. The UL-approved range hood is available in four sizes: the 36" and 42" models include professional-grade 600 CFM range hood ventilation systems; the 48" and 54" units include professional-grade 1200 CFM range hood ventilation systems. Each hood also features variable speed motor controls and dimmercontrolled halogen lighting. Custom sizes are also available.

"In this hectic, high-tech age in which we live, consumers and designers alike are drawn to the calming beauty and hand-crafted appeal of Native Trails products," said Neilson Howard. "The high quality of our kitchen sinks and hoods make them great investments as well as striking design statements."



Top Left: Paragon in Brushed Nickel Finish; Top Center: Range Hood in Antique Finish;

Top Right: Bistro in Brushed Nickel

Bottom Left: Cocina in Antique Finish; Bottom Right: Zuma in Brushed Nickel

#### **About Native Trails**

Native Trails, a privately owned business based in San Luis Obispo, Calif., has been offering high quality, artisan crafted kitchen and bath fixtures and home décor for 15 years. Naomi Neilson Howard, founder and CEO of Native Trails, started the company to pair the stunning copper craftsmanship she discovered in her travels through Mexico with contemporary design and sustainable business practices. The company's creations are showcased in more than 1,300 showrooms in the U.S. and Canada. Native Trails is a favorite destination for consumers, but also for designers and architects based on several points of differentiation: category-defining designs, high product quality, use of recycled and sustainable materials and excellent customer service with 98% of orders shipping within 24-48 hours.

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