

Hello everyone, I'm writing this with a heavy heart, and battered soul.

Northern Lights and Excursions are being put in hiatus, and I do not have any predicted time when development will resume

As some of you might know, my husband of 16 years passed away unexpectedly last November. My primary income was being his caregiver, it was a decent amount of this income, in addition to later Patron support, that I could continue to pay the incredible team we have.

But without income, I became unable to pay my cost of living bills, utilities, mortgage, food, etc.

It was with the help of friends and what I had from my final paycheck, as well as the support of Patrons that I managed to keep life somewhat stable.

In December of 2024 I applied for Social Security disability, I used to be on it before the caregiver income. This application is still pending.

In March 25 I realized that even when I get approved for disability there wouldn't be enough to support my mortgage payments, other bills.

So I put my home of 8 years up for sale. Intending to use the profit to buy a different home outright.

However, things started turning bleak late last month. After I got an offer from someone to buy my house, I started looking at options.

I was denied for an affordable home program.

I toured many houses, made an offer on one, had it inspected. The home was one gust of wind away from burning down

I toured more homes, made an offer, got an inspection, it was even worse.

To further complicate matters I am unable to buy a home in a mobile home park. In the state of Colorado land rent in mobile home parks is unregulated. Management can legally double the rent every 12 months if they want rapidly making me unable to afford the rent.

Worse still is debt collectors, I need to finish filing for bankruptcy, but if I file before I buy a new house, the money earned from selling my home will be seized.

On September 12th, the sale of my home finished. I am now effectively homeless and will have to live out of my truck with my dog.

All this stress, this sorrow, I can barely think clearly enough to write. Not to mention the inability to continue development costs for builds.

I'm afraid I've finally met the battle with life I can't crawl back from.

I can not thank y'all enough for all your support, your patience with me.

The community we've fostered is something I'll always be proud of.

The amazing team I've had alongside me for every build. Each team member helping further the vision and drive of Northern Lights.

I cherish the stories y'all have shared with me, with others, about characters you personally relate to, their hardships and triumphs.

All I ever wanted out of Northern Lights was to tell a story people can connect with, and I'm so proud of how many hearts it's touched.

And I'm sorry I have failed you all, failed the team, the community.

I've fought so many battles to keep Northern Lights alive, put so much of my life into it. Through all its ups and downs.

It kills me that I am unable to keep going for the foreseeable future. I hope some day I'll be able to resume work, and that y'all will return to Aspen Hollow, join us once more on the trail.

Thank you everyone, for being amazing.

I'll be pausing the Patreon until development resumes.