

ROCC DARK SKY COMMITTEE

ROCC ANNUAL MEETING DECEMBER 5TH 2020

COMMITTEE REPORT
BY

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- **ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2020**
- **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES 2021**
- **THANK YOU**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 2020

- Ridgway's IDA Dark Sky Application requesting Dark Sky Community designation prepared and sent Feb 19th
 - Special Thanks to Dave Jones and Roze Evans for their invaluable help with drafting and final Prep – plus many others
- Ridgway announced IDA designation as a Dark Sky Community – July 8
 - Official Press release can be found on [Ridgway's website](#) and [IDA website](#)
 - Colorado Public Radio segment on [Colorado Matters highlights Ridgway's Dark Sky accomplishment](#)
 - Also highlighted in Plaindealer, Telluride Planet, and KVNF radio
- Outreach activities and meetings limited due to Covid-19 health concerns and public restrictions

ACCOMPLISHMENTS – 2020 CONTINUED

- TOP Dark Sky Park nomination provided to and accepted by IDA in June 2020
 - Per RDSC recommendation TOP changed all attached lighting to Dark Sky compliant – Oct 2020
 - Supporting local Edu organizations in Dark Sky outreach programs –see supporting charts
 - Significant and high impact Support letters received from County, Town of Ridgway, ROCC, etc. – thank you!
- Dark Sky and Clean Energy Committees jointly organize team to improve Ridgway Secondary School (RSS) Lighting
 - RSS, ROCC's Dark Sky and Clean Energy, Impacted Neighborhood group, SMPA, Town of Ridgway
 - Help RSS draft a Lighting Plan that improves safety, reduces light trespass to neighborhood , mitigates impacts to Town's dark skies – see supporting chart

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES - 2021

- Jointly complete RSS Lighting Plan – early 2021
- Address some minor compliance issues in Ridgway
- Outreach support to local education orgs – Treeline Edu, RSS, etc. (pending health restrictions)
- Sky Quality Measurements continue over Ridgway and TOP – satisfy IDA requirement to monitor
- Assemble and submit TOP IDA application mid year 2021 in coordination with TOP BOD
- IDA annual report for Ridgway due Oct 2021



QUESTIONS AND SUPPORTING CHARTS

Thank You for ROCC's Support



An Evening Under the Stars

TOP at Night

Presented
by
Amber King – Tree line Education
&
Val Szwarc -
ROCC Dark Sky Committee

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2020
TOP OF THE PINES
OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO

Photo credit: Val Szwarc

Ridgway High School – August 13, 10pm

(The lights just came on - Is there an event tonight?)



A Lighting Plan Improvement Proposal
Prepared
by

Terry Schuylar – Neighborhood Rep/SMPA
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Dave Jones – ROCC Clean Energy Committee
Jake Niece – Eco-Action Partners

Photo credit: Neighbor of Marion Overlook – August 13 2020

November 12th 2020