

ROCC Committee Report

Committee: Dark Sky Committee (DSC)

Date: 12/8/2022

Topic: (Oct 2022) Report by Committee Co-Chair, Val Szwarc

Background (bullet points):

- ROCC DSC Co-chair Szwarc was member of Colorado Tourism Office selection committee that will award four Dark Sky consulting grants to communities and parks in Colorado.
- Provided Dark Sky outreach content to Ridgway Town Manager for the Town's IDA annual report to IDA. Annual Reports are an IDA requirement to maintain Dark Sky certification.
- Arranged Dark Sky themed reservation for Telluride Middle School Sept 2023 at TOP.
- Compiling the IDA Annual report for TOP – due Dec 31.
- Supported Noel Night in Ridgway with a Dark Sky education Table
- TOP Dark Sky infrastructure improvements (educational open deck observatory) concept being fleshed out (see page two) – ROCC grant support may be requested in 2023.
- Planning to actively request Dark Sky protections within Ouray County Master Plan update

Issues (bullet points):

- Looking for additional active Dark Sky Committee members

Possible Action Options (bullet points):

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Recommended Action (in the form of a motion if necessary):

TOP Open Deck Observatory Concept

(Under consideration by TOP BOD)

