

ROCC Dark Sky Committee Report / 2023 Annual Meeting

December 8, 2023

Background:

- Since 2017 the Dark Sky Committee has partnered with the Town of Ridgway and Top of the Pines to facilitate Dark Sky certifications by DarkSky International.
- These certifications have set the standard in protecting the dark sky resource that residents of the area enjoy.
- Actively involved to influence OC Planning Commission update to Master Plan.
- Early in Dark Sky Lighting Technology ROCC Talk proposed in 2023.

Accomplishments:

- Held several educational outreach events in Ridgway and Top of the Pines providing materials outlining the issue of light pollution and how to manage it.
- Providing contributions to Town of Ridgway's Dark Sky Annual report (required) to DarkSky International , including SQM measurements, outreach events, and preliminary town lighting inventories
- Prepared Top of the Pines Dark Sky Annual report to DarkSky International
- Planned and executed the Ridgway premier Dark Sky Event in partnership with the Town of Ridgway, Top of the Pines, ROCC, and local artist.

Upcoming Plans:

Looking for new committee members

Initial planning underway for 2024 outreach events

ROCC Dark Sky Committee.