

# RIDGWAY DARK SKY COMMITTEE

ROCC BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 21<sup>TH</sup> 2019

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RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
UPCOMING SHERBINO EVENT  
PATH FORWARD

# RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed one year of photometric Dark Sky measurements
  - Helps establish a baseline from which to monitor growth in light pollution
- Provided RDSC status at Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Ridgway Town Council (TC) meeting
  - TC directed Town Staff to prioritize lighting ordinance (LO) update
  - Staff brought an outline of LO changes to the Ridgway Planning Commission March 6th
  - RDSC provided proposed roles in supporting the Town obtain and maintain IDA Dark Sky Designation
  - RDSC offered suggestions that will be needed to satisfy IDA – awaiting response from the Town
- Planned and coordinated Dark Sky outreach events
  - April 6<sup>th</sup> Sherbino showing of documentary Saving the Dark plus Astrophotography showcasing Western Colorado's dark skies
  - Summer Star Party Series continues with an event Sat May 25<sup>th</sup> at Ridgway State Park, jointly hosted with RSP and BCAS

# SHERBINO EVENT APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> – NIGHTSCAPE AND ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY SAMPLES



# SHERBINO EVENT APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> - SAVING THE DARK



# PATH FORWARD FOR 2019

- Work with Ridgway to update Lighting Regulations to meet IDA requirements
  - Important to show progress with IDA's most critical criteria – to maintain 2015 grandfather status
- Obtain Additional Key Support Letters
  - Chamber of Commerce and Town of Ridgway
  - Organizations – ROCC, BCAS, etc
  - HOA's
- Draft and submit IDA application later in 2019

QUESTIONS?

Thank You