

[Message to Planning Division/Scott Mendoza September 11 from Ogden Valley Starry Nights - Janet Muir]

Thanks again, Scott, for representing the County in helping with the light monitoring at North Fork Park Aug 28. It does appear that the boutique hotel planned on Sundown Saddle will not, by itself, throw North Fork Park out of contention for accreditation as an International Dark Sky Park.

What we have to consider closely is the growth of residential development light at that end of the Valley, some of the lights shining down from Durfee Creek, as well as the Nordic (former Wolf Mountain) night-skiing lights.

Summit has been great. We met with them again this Tuesday and are exploring how to make the development up top a **dark-sky, best-practices standard for ski resorts around the world.**

We brought to their attention new low-glare, night-skiing lighting system now used at Steamboat Springs and rapidly spreading to other resorts. Glow, not glare, is the new watchword.

[Denver Post: low-glare lights a hit at Steamboat Springs](#)

Summit plans to attend the Weber State University (led by Jeremy Bryson) new-moon readings at North Fork Park the evening of September 24 (weather cooperating), and we have reached an understanding that we will work with them and bring IDA experts in on the lighting master plan. They likely will apply (when the time is appropriate and with our group's nomination) for recognition as an IDA Dark-Sky Development of Distinction.

This week we gave them some guidance from Breckenridge, Taos, Sun Valley, Teton County, Vail, Hailey ID, etc.

We are all trying to be innovative and collaborative in exploring new territory insofar as dark-skies is concerned. Support and input from the Weber Planning Division has been exceptional, as has been the expert guidance from the IDA (International Dark-Sky Association).