

**KSB is Partnering with Big Park Regional Coordinating Council to Pursue the IDA Dark-Sky Community Designation for Big Park/Village of Oak Creek**

KSB is partnering with Big Park Regional Coordinating Council (Big Park Council) to pursue a Dark-Sky Community designation from the International Dark-Sky Association (IDA) for Big Park/Village of Oak Creek. We believe that the goals and strategies outlined by the IDA will promote and enhance the efforts of the citizens of Big Park/Village of Oak Creek to be good stewards of our dark night sky.

Big Park/Village of Oak Creek, like Sedona, needs to protect its night skies, as they are an important part of why residents and tourists choose to live or visit here. Designation as a Dark-Sky Community would raise awareness of this natural resource and provide incentive for its preservation.

One of the requirements in the IDA application for a Dark-Sky Community designation is to demonstrate support from the community. We respectfully request your consideration of writing a letter stating you support the efforts of KSB and the Big Park Council in pursuing a Dark-Sky Community designation for Big Park/Village of Oak Creek from the IDA.

A sample letter is attached for your convenience. Please sign and return your letter electronically to [BPDarkSky@outlook.com](mailto:BPDarkSky@outlook.com), or mail to Big Park Regional Coordinating Council, Attn: Dark-Sky Committee, P. O. Box 20248, Sedona, AZ 86341.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email me at [BPDarkSky@outlook.com](mailto:BPDarkSky@outlook.com). Thank you.

Joanne Kendrick  
Chair, KSB Dark-Sky Committee  
Chair, Big Park/Village of Oak Creek Dark-Sky Committee

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Date

Ms. Joanne Kendrick  
Chair, Big Park Dark-Sky Committee  
Big Park Regional Coordinating Council  
P. O. Box 20248  
Sedona, AZ 86341

Dear Joanne:

I endorse the efforts of Big Park Regional Coordinating Council (Big Park Council) to have Big Park/Village of Oak Creek designated as a Dark-Sky Community by the International Dark-Sky Association.

Big Park/Village of Oak Creek is a unique and picturesque community. It is a place where the Milky Way is not only visible but is also a bright presence. The spectacular views of the heavens are enjoyed by both residents and visitors. It is important for this community that this increasingly rare resource be protected.

Sincerely,

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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We would appreciate your sending us your support letter by April 20, 2015.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email me at [BPDarkSky@outlook.com](mailto:BPDarkSky@outlook.com).

**Thank You.**