



# BLINDED BY THE LIGHT

## A SUMMIT AND CALL TO ACTION TO PROTECT OUR NIGHT SKIES

HIGH COUNTRY CONFERENCE CENTER      FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA  
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Join us for a Summit to find common and innovative solutions to the growing threat from poorly filtered outdoor LED light proliferation in the Southwest including the loss of visual access to the universe of stars and galaxies above us and damage to life around us. Be part of a growing movement to protect the economic and scientific value of Dark Skies in the Southwest, where higher elevations, clear skies, and lower humidity provide World Class night sky viewing and where excessive night time glow interferes with biological cycles of humans and other living organisms. Gain a better understanding of the significance of Dark Skies to the region, nation and the world, and leave with a set of practical tools for protecting this invaluable resource in your communities.

*In order to ensure a robust and balanced set of perspectives, the conference will include representation from astronomy, municipal government, and a variety of economic and public*

### GOALS

Shed light on the **value of Dark Skies** and **existing and emerging tools and technologies** supporting those values  
Address issues over **safety, cost, and the ability to satisfy lighting standards**  
Spark **demand for improved lighting technologies** that meet Dark Sky requirements  
Learn what others are doing and the **challenges and opportunities** they face  
Develop a **framework and commitment to collective action across the Southwest** and a **network of Dark Skies resources** to help meet the challenge

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- ✓ Local planners, traffic engineers and policy makers
- ✓ Astronomical, ecological and public health communities
- ✓ Outdoor lighting & advertising industries
- ✓ Outdoor recreation & tourism industry
- ✓ Public and tribal land managers
- ✓ Military base operators
- ✓ Commercial real estate developers
- ✓ Oil & gas and mining industries
- ✓ Community leaders and activists

**Information:**

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