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Utah Skies/The Boyer Company Agreement Addresses Redstone Lighting

(Park City, Utah) Utah Skies, an astronomy organization located in Park City, and The Boyer Company, developer of the Redstone development at Kimball Junction, have reached agreement on modifications to the Redstone exterior lighting plan that will significantly reduce the light pollution produced.

The installation of “acorn-type”, refractive street-lighting fixtures at the Redstone development raised concern within the community that the deleterious effects of those installations, including increased glare and sky glow, as well as potential harm to the nocturnal wildlife of the Swaner Nature Preserve, would irreversibly damage the Snyderville Basin’s and Summit County’s rural mountain environment. Utah Skies had brought the issue to the attention of Summit County’s Community Development Director, David Allen. When Mr. Allen said publicly that the county’s “hands were tied”, Utah skies contacted Boyer directly, expressed their concern, and arrived at a consensus with the Boyer Co. for the following changes to their original site lighting plan:

1. The removal or disconnection of nearly 15% of all fixtures, including those critically placed fixtures adjacent to the Swaner Nature Preserve and outside of the development’s “Main Street” area
2. The installation of full-cutoff shields in ALL remaining “acorn” lights illuminated on the site, dramatically reducing the “up-lighting” of each fixture
3. The institution of a wiring configuration of the parking lot lights that will allow unnecessary fixtures to be turned off after business hours



4. A study of the reduction of the planned number of “acorn” lights along SR224 and the installation of side shields to minimize glare to motorists on the highway.

Says Don Brown, Co-Founder of Utah Skies, “Considering the ‘late-in-the-game’ nature of our discussions – (the first tenant of Redstone is occupying in late-November/early-December) we couldn’t be happier with these results. Boyer has demonstrated their sincere concern for the interests of the [Summit County] community and has been a pleasure to deal with.” As for the county’s role in resolving the Redstone lighting issue, Anthony Arrigo, Utah Skies other Co-Founder and KPCW’s weekly Utah Skies Reporter, says, “The county’s hands were tied, but our weren’t. We quietly circulated a petition to Summit County citizens, via the Internet and in person, and received nearly 500 signatures. That’s an overwhelming response; it has to be a wakeup call to the county to deal with the problem of light pollution.”

Utah Skies is an astronomy education, advocacy, and awareness organization that is bringing the joys of astronomy to the public through presentations on astronomy topics for local scouting organizations, public star parties at Trailside Park co-hosted with Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District, and advocacy for darker night skies through education on the solutions to the problems associated with Light Pollution. For more information on Utah Skies or the Boyer agreement, logon to <http://www.utahskies.org> or email Utah Skies at info@utahskies.org.