



## BIG SKY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Monthly Newsletter

### COVID-19 Office Policy

In an effort to keep our staff and members safe, our office **remains closed to the public** until further notice. If you are interested in attending regularly scheduled Board or BSAC meetings, you can find the virtual meeting information on the homepage of our [website](#).

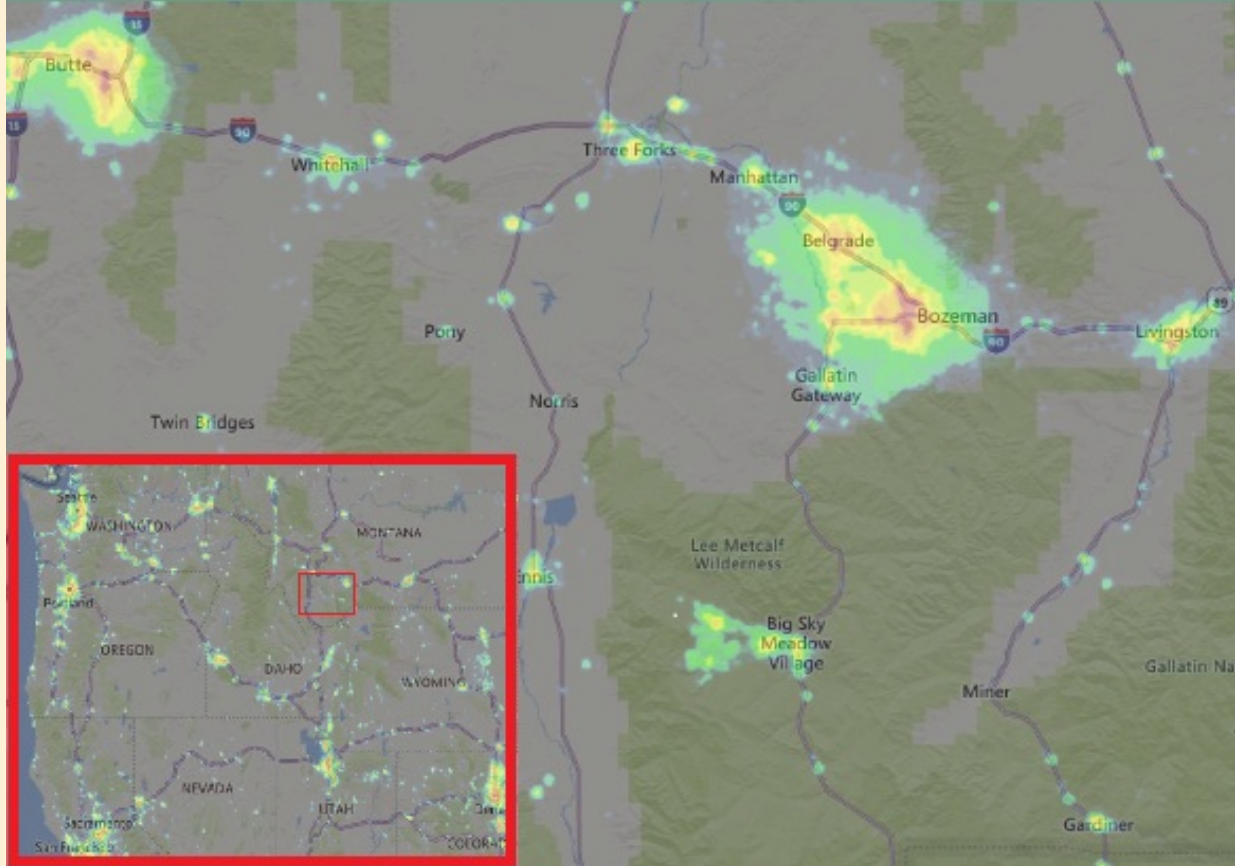
If you need to drop off materials to our Architectural Review Manager, you may do so during regular business hours.



## Sustainability Spotlight

### Preserving Our Night Skies

There is something awe-inspiring about peering into the night sky from your backyard and seeing the Milky Way, millions of stars that guided the way for early Montana settlers. The star-filled night sky is a part of our rich heritage. Until just a few generations ago, our ancestors experienced a night sky brimming with stars – a sky that inspired us in science, philosophy, spirituality, art, and literature. A natural night sky is our universal heritage, yet it's quickly disappearing to Montanans. Inevitable growth and development has caused our night skies to change. This is commonly known as light pollution. There are four components to light pollution: glare (excessive brightness), sky glow (brightening of the night sky from cumulative light in a populated area), light trespass (light falling where it is unintended or not needed), and clutter (excessive groupings of light sources).



Above: Light Pollution data from 2021; [Visit here for more information.](#)



Light pollution can have severe impacts to wildlife, human health, and the energy grid. The good news is that light pollution is one of the few types of pollution that can be reversed – and it is fairly easy to do. We recommend lighting that is no more than 3,000 Kelvin. Lights should be turned off when not in use or have motion sensors for increased security. Always make sure that your lights are not trespassing onto neighboring properties. It is required to have well-shielded lighting for outdoor use.

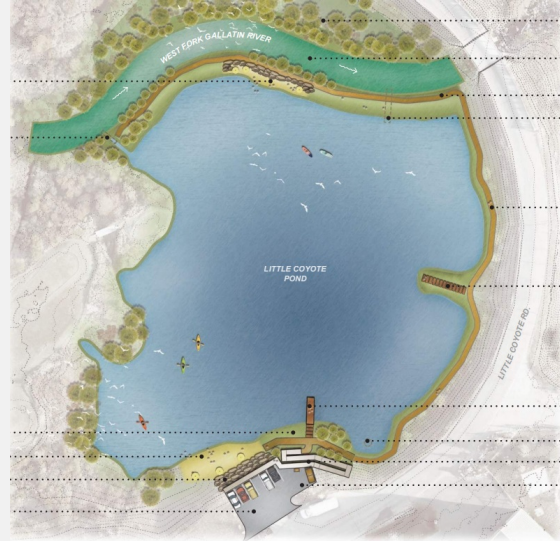
See Section 3.13 - Lighting in the [BSAC Design Regulations](#) for more information on lighting.

Have questions? Contact Emma at [emma@bigskyoa.org](mailto:emma@bigskyoa.org) for more information sustainable initiatives in Big Sky.

**The Little Coyote Ponds Project  
receives FWP grant**



The BSOA Ponds project has moved into its next phase of development. To raise additional funds for the project, the BSOA is exploring potential grant funding. One success has been a grant award of \$42,000 from the Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks. We appreciate the continued support for our fisheries and from the Big Sky community and look forward to bringing this recreational facility to fruition for our residents and visitors alike!



## BASE Grand Opening!

BASE will open its doors to the community on March 13th, 2022. This facility is the first of its kind for Big Sky and we could not be more excited for the grand opening. BASE open House to occur on March 11th and 12th. Congratulations to BSCO for this incredible addition to our community!

[View the BSCO Press Release here.](#)

## Recycling and Trash Consortium Interest Form

### We want to hear from you! Fill out an Interest Form

Many members of the BSOA and the greater Big Sky community have expressed the desire to have curbside recycling in addition to their current garbage service. As such, the BSOA has been negotiating with local trash providers. By leveraging the purchasing power of our membership, we are looking to provide members this vital service at a discounted price

By filling out an interest form you are moving us one step closer to improved waste management in Big Sky. Thank you for your participation.

[Submit Interest Form Here](#)

## Bear-Proofing Big Sky

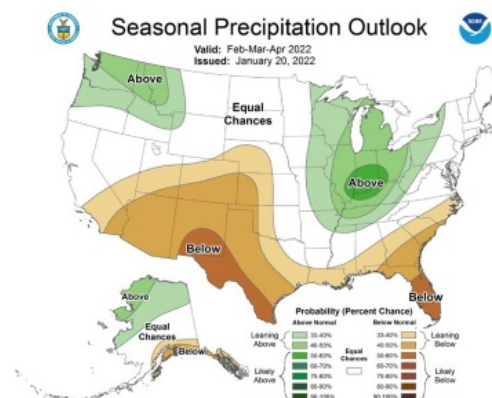
If you have a blue trash cart from Republic, it is not bear-proof. In an effort to comply with our [2014 Trash and Bear-Feeding Resolution](#), drivers from Republic will be swapping out non-bear proof carts in the coming weeks **on Mondays and Fridays**. Please leave your trash cans out that day so their drivers have a chance to swap them out for the appropriate bear-proof Kodiak cart. Bear-proof carts are required all year long in the BSOA jurisdiction.

Have questions? Contact us at [bsoa@bigskyoa.org](mailto:bsoa@bigskyoa.org)



Forest Service reveals the latest plan for Custer Gallatin National Forest, 3 million acres of forestland across Montana and parts of South Dakota. This management plan has not been changed since the 1980's. Key changes include working closely with Montana Tribal members, addressing wildfires, climate change, bison management, and timber. Sustainability efforts have been threaded within the entire plan.

To view the full management plan, [see USFS website here](#).



January 2022 largely lacked much-needed snowfall. The mean percent average of precipitation was 28% below average state wide. Lone Mountain's Snow-Water Equivalent as of February 1st, was at 84% SWE Average. Luckily, we still have about 2-3 months to make up for the lack of snowfall in the State.

To view the full reports from Montana Natural Resources Conservation Service, [Click here](#).

## Have you moved?

Call or email our office to update your preferred contact information.

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