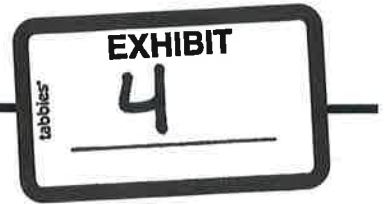


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**From:** John Hammond <hammjl28@gmail.com>  
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Dear Crook County Commission:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed outdoor lighting standards.

I find the standards are straightforward, practicable, and should serve well to protect rural parts of the County from unwanted and unnecessary light pollution. I urge adoption of the standards.

There is an issue of light pollution in the County, but it centers on Prineville and especially the industrial area on the higher ground on the south side of the city. I.e., the Incorporated area which is expressly excluded from the application of the proposed standards. As an avid amateur astronomer, I have observed that this light pollution is so extensive as to preclude any serious study of the night sky. Not only in the city but for miles around. I am also concerned by current research that indicates that light pollution over cities and towns interrupts the life patterns of bird populations, by causing them disorientation during migration at night. I am hoping that concerned citizens, working with their city government, can come to grips with and solve this problem.

Yours sincerely,  
John Hammond

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