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Hello,

Please ensure that no additional lighting will be installed along with the designated charging stations at the Elk Cove Inn location (Case# CPD\_2023-0011). This location is next to the State park and dark skies are important for wildlife protection. Also, people visit Elk to get away from the city and the new owners of the Elk Cove Inn have greatly increased the lighting (on all night) on the site, impacting night skies.

Here is a nice overview of the importance of dark sky planning

<https://darksky.org/app/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2020/08/Dark-Skies-Issue-Guide-7-27-2020.pdf>

If they have safety concerns for the hotel guests, these could be mitigated by providing rechargeable flashlights in each room that guests could use while they are out at night.

Thank you for you for protecting dark skies and Mendocino Counties natural areas.

Regards, Adina Merenlender