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**From:** Karen Melarkey <kmelarkey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2024 7:42 AM  
**To:** Washoe311  
**Subject:** Night skiing

**[NOTICE: This message originated outside of Washoe County -- DO NOT CLICK on links or open attachments unless you are sure the content is safe.]**

Dear Washoe County,

I'm opposed to the night skiing initiative proposed or approved by Washoe County. I love Sky Tavern and what it stands for, but allowing night lights 5-6 days a week? What happened to the entire Mount Rose Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan and the Washoe County General Plan? Now that we have bright lights along the highway by Callahan Road (recently installed for the Toll Brothers Development) and the NEON LED-bright lights at the Galena Ridge self-storage along the highway, it's like the county planners have forgotten anything about the beauty of the Mount Rose area. Why have a master plan with rules? Why call it a management plan when anyone can and usually does get the plans changed? I'm all for moving forward, but with some restrictions. The Mount Rose area is spectacular and special. Let's keep it natural and enjoy what dark skies we have left.

Thank you,  
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P.S. The Washoe County Planner who allowed the bright lights at the self-storage place should be fired. They are obnoxious and on all night!

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**From:** Nate <nate.vass@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 11:13 PM  
**To:** Washoe311  
**Subject:** Night skiing at sky tavern

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I do not think there should be night skiing at Sky tavern. I am concerned about the environmental and Community impacts. I do not think the cost is worth the benefit. And the impact to the community will be much too high.

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**From:** Emmicah Jackson <melaine010903@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 10:38 PM  
**To:** Washoe311  
**Subject:** Sky Tavern Night Skiing Program

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Good evening,

I am writing to you with severe concerns regarding the proposed Sky Tavern Night Skiing program and the recent approval given to this program.

As a member of our healthcare community, I have too often seen the devastating effects of ski trips gone wrong and the insurmountable pain and suffering that comes from telling a patient's family that there is no chance of survival due to the severity of injuries occurred in said ski accident. I'd like to take the time to point out that a great majority of these accidents have occurred during daylight hours. I am extremely concerned that adding in night time skiing, no matter how well lit, would further exacerbate these injuries and the mortality rate, causing further anguish amongst our community. Unfortunately, I do not believe that, as of now, Sky Tavern has released a viable safety plan in the event their night skiing event were to go awry, especially in weather that is unforgiving. To make it clear, adopting a "roll the dice and see what happens" method to safety is foolhardy at best, and plain absurdity at worse. Part of approving projects is to take into account the public health portion of the project, for which I feel this has been overlooked.

Secondly, I feel the impact to our environment and our beautiful mountains would be incredibly harmful. The night pollution alone, especially when it's such a significant amount of light (the equivalent of 8 Walmart parking lots!) will undoubtedly cause havoc on our ecosystem and cause significant light pollution to our skies. We just launched a Night Sky conservation fund, and it feels like allowing this project to take place is spitting in the face of the fund, especially when the impact report was less than adequate at testing the impacts to the surrounding atmosphere.

I appreciate all that Sky Tavern has done for our community and do not wish to see their growth stagnate, but in this case, it feels like we're literally putting profits over lives, our environment, and our community.

It brings me no joy to say this, but as someone who sees a chance to speak up for what I feel is right, I must oppose the permit you have granted for the Sky Tavern Night Skiing Program and urgently ask that you rescind the approval given to them for this program until such a time that the very real and perceived risks to safety and our environment can be thoroughly investigated and mitigated. Thank you for your attention to this email.

Sincerely,

Emmicah Jackson

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**From:** Scott McCarron <scott@scottexport.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 9:38 PM  
**To:** Washoe311  
**Subject:** sky taven

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Night lighting at Sky Tavern is not a good idea for all the reasons presented in this article.  
Very Bad environmentally, night sky, traffic, homeowners below and within a 10-mile radius should object.  
Most people are living here for the serenity.

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

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**From:** Bryan Milner <milnez@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 9:36 PM  
**To:** Washoe311  
**Subject:** Night skiing

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As a person that has recently moved to the Reno area.

I come from Colorado, and we had a ski resort that had night skiing. It was monstrous and ugly in the mountains. You'd see massive flood lights light up the mountain. It was hideous.

Do not bring that to this area. Tahoe is a beautiful, and Mt. Rose is amazing. That area has made me want to take up skiing again.

I do not in any way shape or form condone any mountain in this area having night skiing.

Please ban night skiing.

Bryan Milner

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**From:** Red <4tanzy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 9:01 PM  
**To:** Washoe311  
**Subject:** Sky Traven night skiing

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Hello,

I just read about the proposal for nights to enable night skiing. My first thought was finally! Night skiing close by! There are not enough activities around here after 5pm.

But then as it went on about changing the future scenery. I was forced to remember growing up in southern California's 'Big Bear' the ski resort there at the time was called "Snow Summit" it has a different name now. That doesn't matter, what I do remember is hearing the noise of the snow making machines anywhere and everywhere within MILES it echoed across the valley and was disgustingly Horrible. And I am personally annoyed by the need for quiet around Reno being a gen xer and used to home surround systems and karaoke party's etc. But that sound was something else. Hopefully technology has come up with better blowers that have quieter engines?

Still the other issue was the lights for night skiing. They lit up the mountain very well. So well you could identify the colors of the skiers clothes and see them perfectly from 1/2 mile away. Which was strange to me because during the day you knew which direction the ski resort was but didn't really SEE the people on the slopes. This is all you saw at night. It made the ski and mountain around it BLACK. There was NO SKI LINE ABOVE THE MOUNTAIN TOPS AND NO STARS TO BE SEEN IT WAS BLACK. \$\*\*@# you if you let this pass the only thing worse to look at would be a massive burn scar. Or LED lights those spotty monstrosities are not better at anything. Saving energy? Well yeah but so does 100 candles.

The reason I live here rather than Big Bear is because Big Bear is no more. It's more like the mojave desert than the mountains anymore.

There is plenty of close by data to refer to on what not to do if you want to keep the Sierra's you just have to not let greed make you turn a blind eye to it! The lights also help the bark beetles extend their flights and life cycles. So if you want to hurry the landscape into a sandpile those lights would be key. Bravo

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**From:** Sandra Beckett <skbeckett53@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 12:49 PM  
**To:** Washoe311  
**Subject:** Sky Tavern Lights

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I am a Native Nevadan, and have lived in Reno since 1971 when I came here to ski and go to college. I am absolutely appalled and fervently opposed to the idea of night skiing at sky tavern . I support keeping dark skies so we can continue enjoying our stars and beautiful Milky Way, and cannot believe this would even be a consideration. The environmental impact is potentially very damaging, and I think it is ludicrous to think of kids skiing at night having been a ski instructor in the 70s . There are so many different avenues sky tavern could develop rehabbing the old equipment and lodge to make it more attractive. What a short, sighted business plan doomed to fail paired with damaging our beautiful, dark Nevada night skies.

It is one area that our family enjoys going up to to look at the meteors- possibly they could develop that as a program instead of trashing that beautiful mountain, making it look like a carnival with night skiing under Walmart lights.  
Sincerely, Sandra K Beckett

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Stecker, Zeb <Zebuel.Stecker@arcadis.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2024 2:04 PM  
**To:** Washoe311  
**Subject:** Support for Sky Tavern Night Skiing and Snow Making

**[NOTICE: This message originated outside of Washoe County -- DO NOT CLICK on links or open attachments unless you are sure the content is safe.]**

Thank you so very much for your continued support of Sky Tavern's plans to further support access to winter sports for the children in our area! You are doing great work and we appreciate the effort and decision making.

Please ignore the noise from the elitest crowd of homeowners that prioritize their wants above our kid's access to snow sports.

Best regards,

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**From:** stevenpottenger@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2024 7:53 AM  
**To:** Oakley, Katherine  
**Subject:** 1025 sky tavern Rd

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Kat

I wanted to write you to let you know our family is behind the sky tavern project upgrade. If you could move the light standard across from our lot that would be great. Also if you can leave grass lake and not fill it in for parking.

Steven Pottenger and family

[Sent from AOL on Android](#)