# Natural Bridges National Monument IDSP 2015 Annual Report

#### General

• Current information for the site IDA contact(s) Sierra Coon, <u>sierra\_coon@nps.gov</u>, 970-562-4282 x14

• Does the site currently have a Provisional status? If so, what work has been done in the past year to resolve concerns that resulted in the Provisional designation? No

Parks/Reserves:

• Does the site plan to apply for a tier status upgrade in the future? If so, what work has been done in the past year furthering the application? No, we are already a gold-tier park.

• Estimate number of site visitors in the last year. Of those, how many participated in dark-skies programming? Our statistics show that we had about 37,000 visitors this year (although that number seems low). 418 people attended some type of dark-sky program.

## Lighting

Parks/Reserves:

• Were any new lighting projects completed this year? If so, describe. No

• Is any lighting within the Park/Reserve non-compliant with the LMP (as permitted at the time of IDA designation)? If so, what is the plan to bring the remainder into compliance within the allowed window of time? All lighting is compliant.

• Was any new territory added to the Park/Reserve? If so, does any lighting on it comply with the LMP? If lighting on new territory doesn't comply, is there a plan to bring it into compliance? No new territory was added to the park.

## **Sky Quality**

• Were sky quality data taken in the past year? If possible, include a table or figure showing the information No sky quality data were taken in the last year, but we just purchased a Unihedron meter and plan to begin taking regular measurements.

• Did sky brightness increase over the previous year? Decrease? N/A

• Is a permanently mounted sky monitor installed, or are there plans to install one? No, but we have a new superintendent who might be willing to consider one.

## **Conservation and Research (Parks/Reserves)**

• Any ongoing conservation and/or research programs at the site? If so, who runs them, and what are the goals? No

• Are there any new research results to report? Have any been published this year? No

#### Funding

• Currently administering any grants related to dark-skies programming? If so, describe. No

- Were any new grants won this year? No
- Are there plans to apply for any future grants? No

#### Arts and Culture

• Is any programming ongoing or planned blending the arts/culture with dark skies? If so, describe. Because archaeology is a part of the Natural Bridges story, most of our programs involve discussing ancestral Puebloan, Navajo, Fremont, or Ute culture.

#### Outreach

- Were any new programs begun this year? No
- If so, are they complete or ongoing? N/A
- Are statistics available (e.g., how many visitors served, donations, etc.) N/A

#### **Community and Media Relations**

• Any new media coverage you would like us to know about? May include e.g.,

PDFs as attachments No

• Any engagement with local governments, community organizations, or private landowners in the past year to report? No