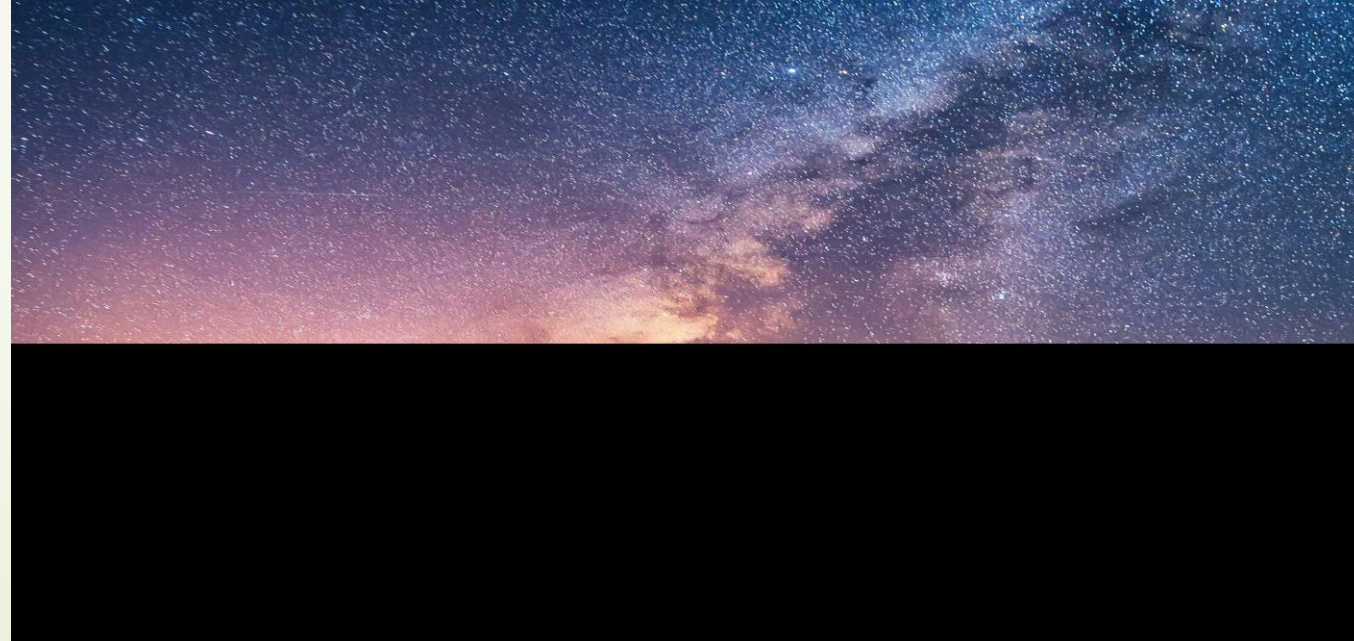


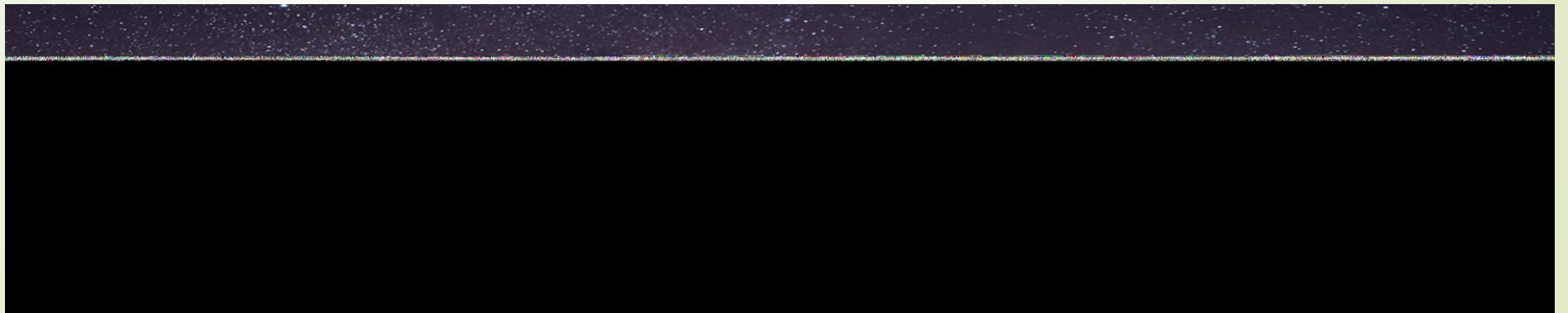
# THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DARK SKY HERITAGE IN THE FUTURE.





## The Dark Sky Heritage:

The Dark Sky Heritage consists of two regions: a “core” area meeting the minimum criteria for sky quality and natural darkness, and a “peripheral” area that supports dark sky values in the core and while receiving similar benefits. The DSH is formed through a partnership of landowners and/or administrators that recognize the value of natural nightscapes through regulations, formal agreements, and long term planning.

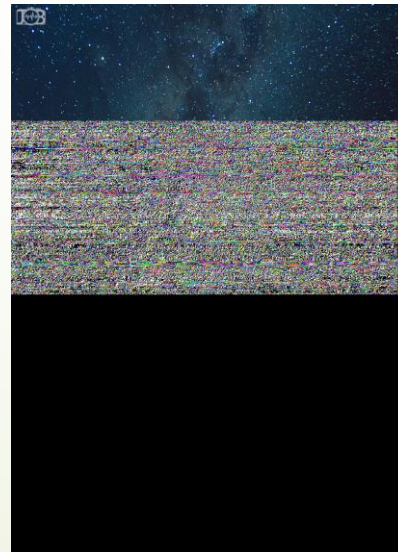




# GOALS OF DARK SKY HERITAGE CREATION:

- To identify and honor public or private lands and their surrounding communities for exceptional commitment to and success in implementing the ideals of dark sky preservation;
- To promote eco- and astro-tourism;
- To promote protection of nocturnal habitats, public enjoyment of the night sky and its heritage, and areas ideal for professional and/or amateur astronomy;
- To encourage land administrators, surrounding communities and private interests to identify dark skies as a valuable resource in need of proactive protection;

- To provide international recognition for such sites
- To encourage other sites to become environmental leaders on dark sky issues by communicating the importance of dark skies and by providing an example of what is possible with proper stewardship.
- To preserve the ecological integrity of natural environments.
- To ensure the full enjoyment of a wilderness experience.
- To appreciate the integrity, character and beauty of rural landscapes.



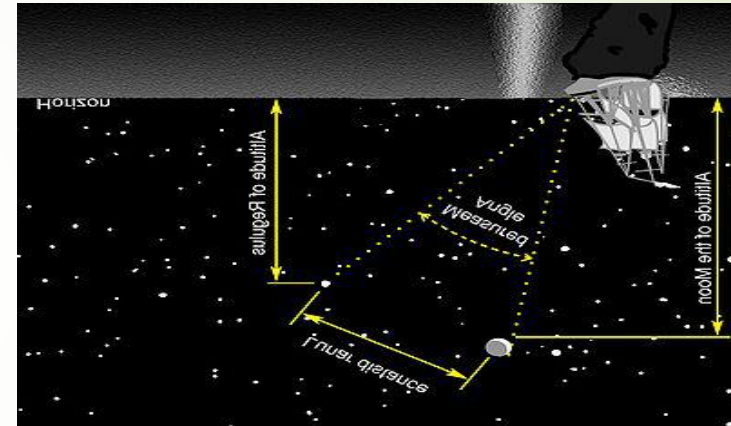


- To protect and present the authenticity of cultural sites
- To help preserve cultural practices and ceremonies relate to the night sky.
- To help preserve the intangible heritage that relates to mythology, traditional navigation and cultural heritage related to the night sky.
- To protect human health, both medical and psychological.
- To contribute to energy efficiency.
- To benefit scientific and amateur astronomy and the right for all people to enjoy a clear, unpolluted night sky.
- To improve personal security through non-glare lighting in urban areas.

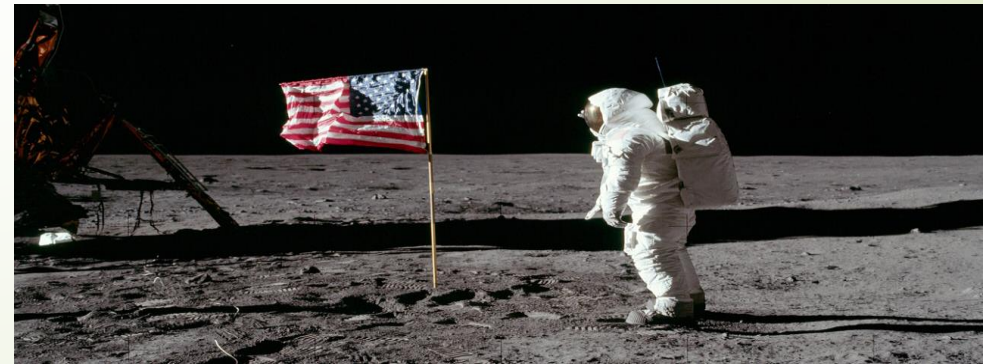


# Without the Dark Sky Heritage we could not have:

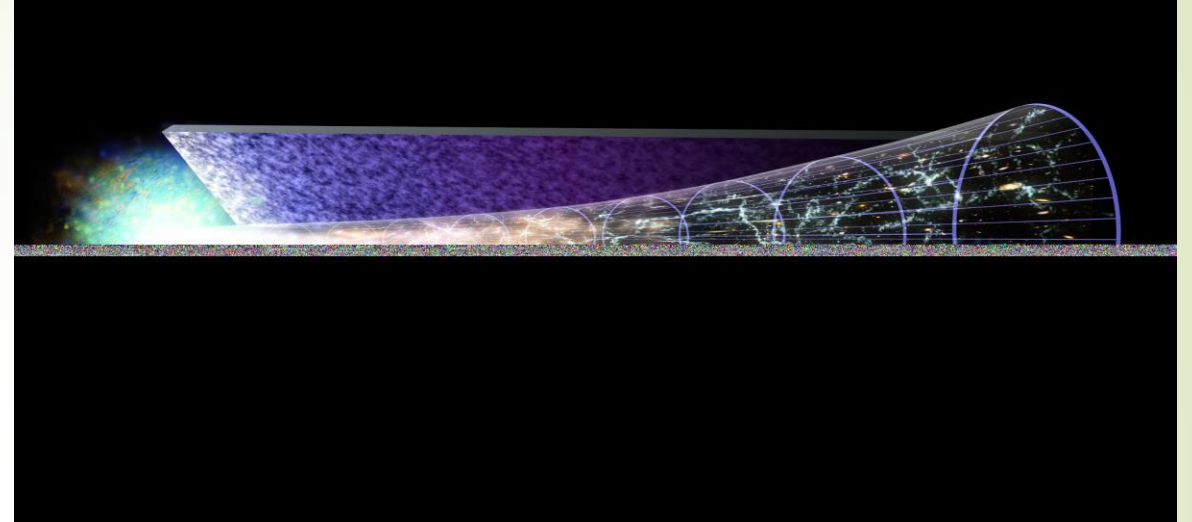
➤ Navigated the globe



➤ Walked on the Moon



- Learned of our expanding universe



- Discovered that humans are made of stardust

