

More than half in U.S. no longer can see Milky Way

By Bruce Finley, Denver Post

People escaping light pollution where they live have forded an icy creek and are rediscovering the night, wandering around on mystical moist sand in the near-total darkness of this wilderness.

They covet silence and stars – splayed across a moonless sky revealing the Milky Way Galaxy – increasingly popular assets at national parks nationwide.

Darkness is increasingly rare. And land managers at U.S. national parks – joined by more and more towns – are trying to set themselves up as preserves by obtaining official “dark sky” designations. They’re hoping these will serve as protection against an onslaught of light pollution.

[Read the whole story](#)