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February 2024 Newsletter

IPWA News

Mark Your Calendars!

Our 2024 Training Day will take place on **Saturday, June 1** from 8 am ~ 2 pm in Boulder.
This training is ***required*** for all new volunteers.

NOTE: If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with the IPWA, please send an email to hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org. If you have already contacted us about your interest, you are on the list!

Additional details for both new and returning volunteers to follow soon, so keep an eye on your email!



Paddon/Gellhorn Wilderness Research Grants: Now Accepting Applications!

The Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance is offering research grants in memory of University of Colorado geography student David Paddon, who did research in the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area and died in a climbing accident there in May 1990, and of Joyce Gellhorn, a passionate alpine and sub-alpine ecologist, enthusiastic educator, and long-time Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance Board member.

Learn more about the IPWA research grant program [here](#).

Awards:

Three IPWA Paddon/Gellhorn Wilderness grants are available for up to \$2,000 each. **Applications are due by March 24th** and awards will be announced by mid-April.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be undergraduate or graduate students attending any Colorado university and conducting research with a focus on issues affecting Colorado alpine and sub-alpine environments. The research topic should help provide a better understanding of the ecological environment and/or wise management of the Colorado high country. The grants will be awarded based on the quality and merit of the research proposal as well as the recommendation of the faculty advisor.

In October of the funding year, recipients must submit a three to five minute video (with audio) summarizing research results. Alternatives to the video can be discussed prior to awarding the grant funds.

Application:

Interested applicants should send the following materials to the attention of Patrick Lienin, Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance at hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org:

- **A letter of application:**
 - Indicate your name, local address, phone number, e-mail address, university, college department, current degree program, and the name, phone number, and e-mail of your faculty advisor.
- **A research proposal:**

- State clearly and concisely, in no more than two pages, the research objectives, study area, overall experimental design, and the potential significance of findings. Tables and figures are discouraged.
- NOTE: It is essential that the grant request be written in a language understandable by the general public. Reviewers should not have to rely on explanations provided by faculty advisors to understand the concepts and goals contained in the grant application.
- **A proposed budget:**
 - Detail how you would spend the grant award.
- **A letter of support from your faculty advisor**

We look forward to receiving your applications!

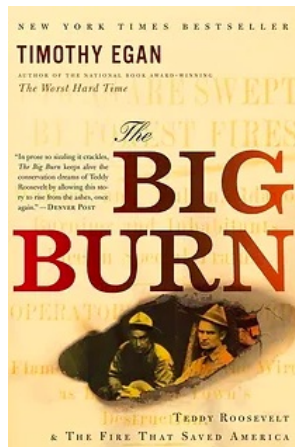
What We're Reading: *A Sand County Almanac*

On January 25th, the IPWA reading group met for the first time in Boulder and shared our thoughts and insights on Aldo Leopold's book "A Sand County Almanac".

We could relate to Leopold's desire for a direct experience of the land—carefully observing the plants and animals, their relationships with each other through the seasons, and having a sense of the intrinsic value of the land. We shared stories of our own wilderness experiences, both near (our backyards) and far (IPW and beyond), and reflected on what the wilderness of past generations may have been like.

You're invited to participate in the IPWA Reading Group! We'll delve into the topics of wilderness, preservation, and conservation through reading, contemplation, and discussion.

This group meets in-person in Boulder, Colorado every other month. The group is open to all (IPWA volunteers, supporters, and the public). We'll gain a deeper understanding of wilderness through fiction and non-fiction selections.



Up Next!

- March 21: The Big Burn by Timothy Egan
 - [RSVP here](#)
- May 16: Gathering Moss by Robin Wall Kimmerer
 - [RSVP here](#)
- July 18: On Trails: An Exploration by Robert Moor
 - [RSVP here](#)

*Program
Updates*

Summer Trail Projects

Join us for a trail project day this summer!

These projects are open to volunteers and members of the public who are at least 18 years old (or younger with parental consent) who meet the following criteria:

- Can do light to medium level trail work and are in good physical condition
- Prior trail work experience a plus but not necessary
- Bring own gloves, food, and water; tools are provided
- Not required to be a registered IPWA volunteer

Trail project dates are scheduled for:

- Saturday, July 13th
- Saturday, August 17th
- Saturday, September 21st

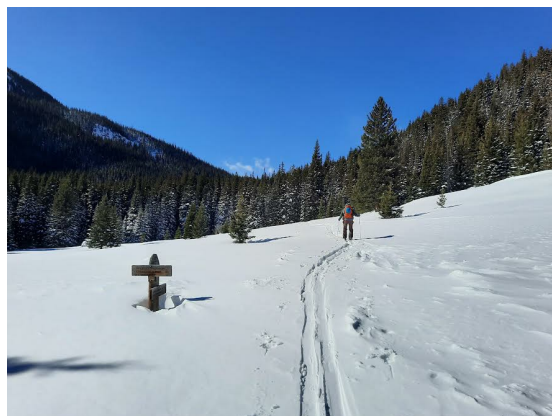
If interested, please email ipwatrailcrew@gmail.com. To learn more, visit our [Trail Restoration Projects](#) page.



Winter Patrols Update

Looking to get out in the backcountry? View our trail condition reports below.

[Check Trail Conditions Here](#)



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