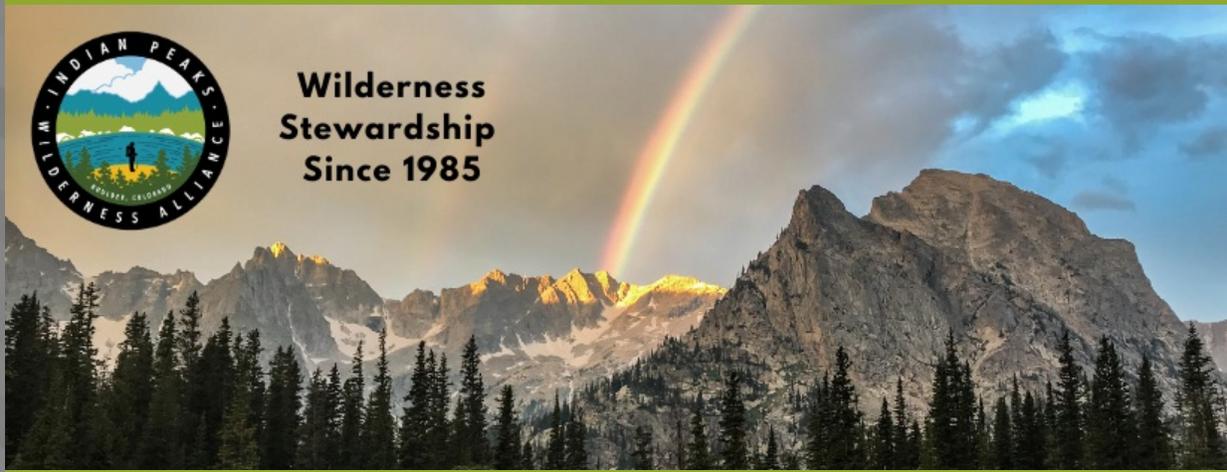


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June 2021 Newsletter

IPWA News

2021 Summer Training

The IPWA was able to host a successful (and socially distant) training event for our 14 new volunteers on Saturday, June 5th. It was especially wonderful to see everyone in person, as we had to cancel last year's training due to COVID.

If you see our new volunteers out on the trail, please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to the IPWA!

A big thank you to everyone who made this day a success: our Training Team, the Boulder Ranger District, returning mentors, and of course our new volunteers!





Brainard Lake Recreation Area Updates

The road to the Brainard Lake Recreation Area opened on Friday, June 11th. The parking lots to the Long Lake and Mitchell Lake trailheads remain closed to vehicles until July 1st.

To reduce crowding, reservations are now required to enter the BLRA at any time. Reservations are sold exclusively online at [recreation.gov](https://www.recreation.gov). Day hikers may purchase a reservation up to 14 days in advance. Backpackers who are leaving from Brainard must purchase an overnight parking reservation in addition to their backcountry permit.

[Read the Press Release Here](#)

Crosscut Training

Last month, several IPWA volunteers attended a multi-day crosscut saw training hosted by the USFS. Having volunteers that are crosscut certified helps ensure that we can assist with tree clearing efforts throughout the summer.

Congratulations to our 7 new sawyers!





Photos by Emily Herrington

New on the Blog! ***"BEARing Responsibility"*** by Emily Herrington

Several recent bear encounters in and around Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests prompted the Forest Service's Boulder Ranger District to update their recreation policies to protect both bears and people, including **food storage requirements and camping closures**.

**Learn more about these changes on the
blog!**



Photo Contest Reminder

Remember that our Annual Photo Contest will take place this September, so start snapping some photos now while on patrol!



Photo by Bill Bowman

Program Updates

2021 Trail Projects



Mark your calendars! We have four trail maintenance trips planned for this summer and early fall:

Saturday, June 26th - Buchanan Pass Trail

Saturday, July 24th - Rainbow Lakes Trail

**Saturday, August 28th - East Portal Crater
Lakes Trail**

Saturday, September 25th - East Portal

We will be cleaning and improving drainage on these highly visited trails.

If you are interested in participating, please send an email to ipwatrailcrew@gmail.com.

Summer Patrols

Summer patrol season has begun! While temperatures are in the 90s this weekend in the foothills, there is still a lot of snow in the high country. Be sure to bring spikes, a physical map and a GPS when hiking and proceed with caution.

[Check Summer Trail Conditions Here!](#)



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