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July 2025 Newsletter

IPWA News

Mark Your Calendars for Our Upcoming Trail Work Days!

Join us on these days to work on important trails and build community with other volunteers excited to help out!

- August 2nd
- August 23rd
- September 20th

Sign up and work details will be available 2-3 weeks before each project. Reach out to ipwatrailcrew@gmail.com with any questions!

4th of July Road Closure: July 28-29

Please note that the gravel portion of **4th of July Road/CR 130** will be closed to all travelers today, **July 28th** and tomorrow, **the 29th**, for surface and drainage repairs.

- The closure starts at CR 111 and FS Road 111.1
- **Hessie Trailhead access remains open**
- Permit holders exiting from the 4th of July Trailhead may experience **delays**, but will be allowed to exit

Bridge Survey Update: Nearly 20 Bridges and Counting!

This summer, IPWA launched an exciting new initiative to collect critical data on the condition of bridges in our Wilderness areas. **Nearly 20 bridge surveys** have already been completed by trained volunteers using a brand-new reporting system. Huge thanks to everyone who joined us for the training and who are out there gathering this important info for our Forest Service partners!

Program Updates

Save the Date! End of Season Celebration!

We're already looking ahead to celebrate everything you've accomplished this season!

What: End-of-Season Gathering

When: Saturday, September 27th

Time: 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Where: Beech Shelter (US 36 & Neva Road, just north of Boulder)

Keep an eye out for a formal invite coming in August!

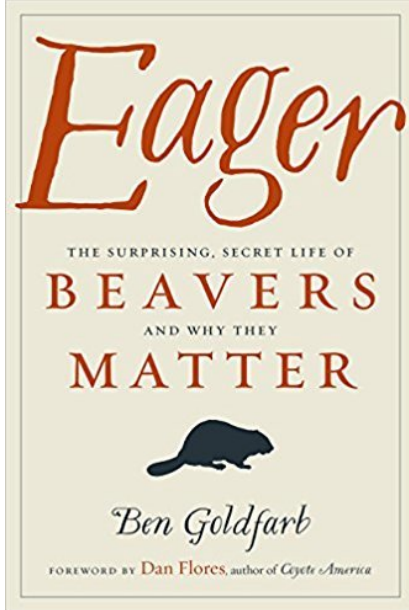
Reading Group

Please join us to discuss books about wilderness, nature, and conservation. All are welcome. Come and share your reflections and experiences.

We'll meet on **September 25th** at 3:30 pm at The Rayback Collective in Boulder.
Food and beverages available.

[Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter](#), Ben Goldfarb **RSVP**

In *Eager*, environmental journalist Ben Goldfarb reveals that our modern idea of what a healthy landscape looks like and how it was affected by the fur trade that removed millions of beavers from North America's lakes and rivers. The consequences of losing beavers were profound: streams eroded, wetlands dried up, and species lost vital habitat. *Eager* is a powerful story about one of the most influential species, how North America was colonized, how our landscapes have



changed over the centuries, and how beavers can help us fight drought, flooding, wildfire, extinction, and the ravages of climate change. Ultimately, it's about how we can learn to coexist, harmoniously and even beneficially, with our fellow travelers on this planet.

Summer Patrol Update

Our summer patrol season is in full swing, and your efforts are making a huge impact. Here's what we've accomplished together so far:

- **184 patrols completed** (including 11 overnights!)
- **38%** of patrols in the Brainard area
- **29%** in IPW South
- **22%** in James Peak Wilderness
- **12%** in IPW North
- **750+ meaningful visitor interactions**
- **30+ fire rings cleared**
- **1 trail work project** completed at Crater Lake Trail with the help of 5 volunteers and other community members

This is a big jump from last year's 140 patrols at this point in the season—thank you for all your dedication and time!



[Check Trail Conditions Here](#)

Trailhead Hosts Highlights

Our July 4th Trailhead Host events were a major success!

- **East Portal:** 9 volunteers counted **368 hikers**, **78 dogs**, and **25 backpackers**, distributing **24 wag bag kits**
- **Hessie Cabin:** 5 volunteers teamed up with USFS staff to greet **560 people**, have **50 meaningful interactions**, and count **52 dogs** and **35 backpackers**

We also learned from USFS pro **Brenda Ramirez-Romero**, who shared her expertise on public engagement in the Wilderness.



Wilderness First Aid- Women's Course

Interested in building your outdoor safety skills? Danielle Piscatelli of Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) is leading a women-only Wilderness First Aid course on:

August 23–24

□ [Click here to register](#)

While First Aid certification isn't required for summer patrollers or Trailhead Hosts, we're excited to share this opportunity for anyone interested!

Get CPR Certified – Free or Low-Cost Training Still Available

Boulder Rural Fire is offering free CPR training for Boulder Rural residents and \$25 training for non-residents. This AHA Friends and Family CPR course is a great opportunity for both current and new volunteers to gain a valuable certification.

Training Dates (All sessions run from **5:30–7:30 PM**):

- Tuesday, September 10

Location: Boulder Rural Fire Station, 6230 Lookout Rd, Boulder, CO 80301
Immediate CPR can double or triple the chances of survival after cardiac arrest.
Take this simple step to be prepared for an emergency!
For more details, visit www.brfr.org, call (303) 530-9575, or scan the QR code to sign up.



Hey, Volunteers!

Ever wonder how IPWA is managed?
Have questions or comments for the IPWA Board?

We'd like to invite all current volunteers (as-of Summer 2024) to attend our monthly virtual IPWA Board of Directors meetings, typically held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Your presence and participation is encouraged to help increase volunteer engagement and understanding of our organization!

Head over to the IPWA Volunteer Portal for additional information on how to participate.

Volunteer Portal

Wondering How You Can Support the IPWA?

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