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May 2023 Newsletter

IPWA News

IPWA Recruitment Announcement

We currently have a few positions that must be filled this year. The openings below are key to the health and operations of the IPWA, so we hope you will consider stepping up for one of the positions below. Both past and current IPWA volunteers are eligible to apply.

Immediate Openings:

Trailhead Host Coordinator

This position takes place during the summer.

Primary duties include:

- Solicit volunteers during Registration to participate in TH Host program
- Determine TH Host dates and locations
- Schedule volunteer coverage for each date/location
- Arrange transport of materials to TH: canopy, chairs, printed materials, etc.
- Monitor volunteers, answer additional questions, provide guidance to volunteers

Photo Contest Coordinator

This position takes place in September & October.

Primary duties include:

- Manage annual IPWA Photo Contest
- Work with vendor to print photos to note cards
- Communicate with the Board if pricing exceeds budget

**To learn more about any of these positions, please email
us hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org.**

Hessie Shuttle Survey

Boulder County is considering a reservation system for the very popular Hessie Trailhead in the future. They are conducting a survey for people to share their experience with hiking from the Hessie trailhead, parking, shuttle service, etc.

Please consider taking the survey to provide your input on the Hessie experience!

[Take the Survey Here](#)

Hessie Cabin: Dynamite, Mines and Trapdoors

Right outside historic Eldora, a dilapidated 19th century cabin sits in plain sight just feet away from one of the area's most popular trailheads.

Built in 1874, the log cabin has been an icon of mining culture that radiates through Roosevelt National Forest. However, 150 years of its floor joists sinking into the earth has made it more of a hazard than an accurate representation. Decaying in such a high traffic location sparked Forest Service staff and partners to begin rehabilitation talks in 2014.

After two years of COVID-19 delays, the project broke ground in 2021 with Forest Service and HistoriCorps staff conducting a quick and dirty clean out, removing old furniture, and addressing oddities and rodent damage from the last 30 years the cabin sat idle.

[Read More Here](#)



*Program
Updates*

2023 Paddon/Gellhorn Wilderness Research Grant Recipients Selected!

The IPWA is excited to announce our 2023 Research Grant recipients!

Since 1998, the IPWA has awarded graduate and undergraduate research grants with a focus on ecological impacts in alpine and sub-alpine environments. The research topics provide a better understanding of the ecology of Colorado high country. These grants honor David Paddon and Joyce Gellhorn.

Be on the lookout for their research findings in the fall!



Doug Castro

"Microplastics in Mountain Ecosystems of the Colorado Front Range"



Alec Chiono

"Evaluating Responses to Climate Change in the Seed Bank of an Alpine Wildflower"



Zachary Schwartz

"Examining the Effects of Rising Air Temperature on N Cycling and Trace Gas Emissions in the Alpine"



Seth Raynor

"Lichens of the Indian Peaks Wilderness, Towards a Complete State Inventory"

[Learn more about the Paddon/Gellhorn Research Grant](#)

Spring time patrols are still going strong thanks to our dedicated winter patrol volunteers!
As the weather warms and the snow melts these patrols are important to helping the Forest Service and the public assess snow levels, trees and other hazards on the trails. Latest reports indicate icy conditions in the morning and post-hole slush in the afternoons. Bring all your gear when hiking in the high country!

Check Winter Trail Conditions Here!



Photo by Danny Dawidowski.

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