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Hello IPWA Volunteers,

Please read the following updates from the U.S. Forest Service Boulder Ranger District:

Photos Needed

The Boulder Ranger District has created a photo board for the front office to show trail, road, and camping conditions. If anyone has any photos they have taken while on patrol, please send them to Katherine "Reid" Armstrong at katherine.armstrong@usda.gov.



Boulder Ranger District Update

The Boulder Ranger District has released their [District Update](#). A few key points to highlight:

- Bear reports are on the rise, especially around Lost Lake and Middle Saint Vrain/Ceran Saint Vrain areas. Bear proof containers and bear spray are strongly recommended for backcountry and dispersed campers. Don't store any scented items in tents and cook away from where you sleep. Use bear lockers for all scented items in campgrounds. Report problem bears to Colorado Parks and Wildlife: 303-291-7227
- Mountains still holding above average snowpack for mid-July. Most trails above 10,500 feet are muddy, wet and holding snow – some trails, lakes, roads have feet of snow. Hikers into the high country/Wilderness areas should be prepared to hike through standing water, mud, post-hole and camp in snow. Stay on trail! Runoff levels are high and many waterways are fast moving and dangerous. Some wilderness trail bridges have collapsed due to high water (Red Deer, Forest Lakes). Use caution!
- Brainard Lake - road open to the day use lot (near lake). Upper trailhead parking remains closed (several more weeks). Be prepared for higher than average snowpack. "Summer" regulations apply until Nov. 15: Dogs must be on a hand-held leash at all times; dispersed camping is only allowed north of the South St Vrain Creek.

Sincerely,
The Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance
