

We do not inherit the Wilderness from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.



Volunteers, Members, and Friends of the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas

Welcome to our August 2018 newsletter!

Our Summer Patrol season may be wrapping up soon, but we still have a lot going on! Read about our July Trail Project, our 2nd Teach the Teacher event, and view the AMAZING video our interns put together below!

Keep It Wild!

I. IPWA News

A Great Time at the Annual Summer Potluck!

Wow - what a great turnout for the IPWA's Annual Summer Potluck! It was great seeing so many new & returning volunteers & members - and of course hearing about how your patrol season has been so far! Thanks for coming by and helping to build our community of Wilderness advocates!

A special thanks to Stuart & Deb for graciously hosting!

A Productive July Trail Project

On Saturday, July 21st, the IPWA Trail Crew performed tread way maintenance along the South Boulder Creek Trail in the James Peak Wilderness. With a group of 9 IPWA volunteers and 3 Wilderness Society employees the crew was able to:

- Clean and widen half a dozen water bar ditches
- Set several new water bar rocks
- Mitigate a very wet section of the trail by digging new drainage and adding screen
- Build a 3 foot berm of rock and dirt at the lower junction of the winter (ski) trail, which will keep hikers off this social path and allow it to revegetate

The weather was perfect! Everyone got a little dirty and had a lot of fun! We hope to see you on our next work trip!



Successful 2nd "Teach the Teachers" Event

Students from the University of Northern Colorado Center for Urban Education participated in an educational hike at Red Rocks Park, followed by a tour of Dinosaur Ridge. The students learned about the Foothills Life Zone, such as plant & animal adaptation, seed dispersal, and geological concepts.



These students will be teaching in Denver Public elementary schools, and will be able to pass on their knowledge of Colorado public lands to their classes. Thanks to everyone who made this a fun and educational event!



Photo Contest Reminder

Don't forget! We will soon be accepting photos taken in the IPW and JPW areas for our Fundraising Notecard Project. This contest is open to IPWA members, volunteers, and our interns. Each individual may submit a maximum of 2 scenic photos (no people may be in the photos).



Complete details will be emailed out later this month. Thanks for helping with this fun project!

Shop at AmazonSmile & Choose The IPWA As Your Charity Of Choice!

Doing some back to school shopping? If you have some online shopping to do, we invite you to shop at AmazonSmile and choose the IPWA as your charity of choice! This is an easy and no cost way to support the IPWA. The AmazonFoundation will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases to the IPWA when you shop at the AmazonSmile site (<https://smile.amazon.com>) and pick the IPWA as your charitable organization of choice.

For instructions on how to set it up, please click [here](#).

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II. IPWA Wilderness Program Updates

Winter Patrol Training Day

We know...isn't it still Summer?! Well yes, but even still we are beginning to plan for our Winter Patrols!

If you're interested, you will need a current Advanced First Aid certification, so we want to make sure everyone has plenty of heads up in case you need to get certified or re-certified.

The training day will be held on Saturday, November 5th. More details to come! RSVP or send questions to Andy at agup2001@msn.com.



Happy Trails to Our 2018 IPWA Interns!

After an eventful and successful summer of trail work, patrols, users education and Wilderness management and history study, our 2018 Summer Interns, Lucas and Nate, bid a fond farewell.

After completing training, Nate and Lucas worked with full time rangers, trail crews, volunteers and independently to clear fallen trees, eliminate social trails, conduct wildlife monitoring and improve trail infrastructure. They are also the first summer interns to complete 3 multi-day backcountry patrols in the IPW. They assessed hard to reach locations and returned with valuable data used by Boulder Ranger District Forest Service staff to inform trail work priorities and site restoration needs. They also captured stunning photos and video which they have shared in their internship wrap up video.

In addition to the professionalism they brought to their work, Lucas and Nate's love and appreciation for the outdoors and wild places was always present and will be greatly missed. As they head back to finish their degrees in Environmental Science (Lucas) and Environmental Policy (Nate), we wish them much success and are glad to know there are 2 more Wilderness champions among us!

Be sure to check out their AMAZING video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1tECgkX8il>



III. USFS News

Brainard Road Now Open!

Read more details about the Brainard Lake Recreation Area here:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/arp/recarea/?recid=28182>



IV. NATIONAL WILDERNESS NEWS

Volunteer Ranger Earns Forest Service Award for Work in Ventana Wilderness

Volunteers like you make a huge difference! Read this uplifting story here:

<http://www.montereyherald.com/social-affairs/20180702/volunteer-ranger-earns-forest-service-award-for-work-in-ventana-wilderness>



V. IPWA Upcoming Events

October (specific date TBA)

End of Season Picnic

More details to come!

Saturday, November 5th

Winter Patrol Training

More details to come!

VI. IPWA Membership Corner: "Why I Am A Member Of The IPWA"

In 2016, the IPWA introduced a "Friends" of the Indian Peaks membership category. For just a \$10 tax deductible donation, individuals (separate from our patrol volunteers) can become a member of our organization and help us achieve our mission! "Friends" receive an IPWA sticker, a copy of our annual report, and most importantly the knowledge that their contributions are helping to promote wilderness preservation!

With each newsletter, we will focus on one individual who decided that they wanted to be a member of the IPWA and why - so that all of our readers can hear of the importance of wilderness preservation and protection.

Why I am a member: Donna S.

"I have been volunteering with IPWA for 7 years. I do enjoy the wilderness, as well as meeting and helping people to share our great lands. I have mentored 4 great women, who

are now also awesome volunteers. I sincerely want the wilderness to be there for my grandchildren and their grandchildren."

[Become a member today for just \\$10.00!](#)



Thank you!

As always, reach out to us with any questions, comments, or thoughts on how we can make our organization an even better one! As a 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer organization (we have NO paid staff positions!), we rely on volunteers, members of the public, local businesses, and grants for 100% of our funding needs. Any financial assistance is greatly appreciated!

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