



Saving Wilderness.
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Welcome to our December 2019 Newsletter!

Keep It Wild!

IPWA News

Thank You for Supporting Us on Colorado Gives Day!

Wow - we are blown away by the support we received on Colorado Gives Day! It's the support from generous donors and volunteers that allow us to continue our programs into 2020.

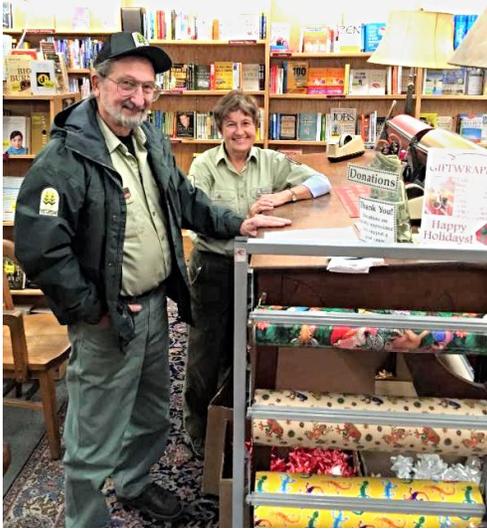
If you didn't get the chance to donate on Colorado Gives Day, you can still make a contribution through our [website](#)! Our 2019 Fundraising Campaign continues until the end of the year.

As always, thank you for your support!



Annual Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

It's that time of year again! In partnership



with the [Boulder Book Store](#), the IPWA will be hosting our annual gift wrapping fundraiser on **December 21st, 22nd, and 24th**. Not only is this a helpful way to raise funds for our programs, but it is an excellent opportunity to connect with other volunteers and spread the word about the IPWA in our community!

We still have a few shifts that need coverage. If you'd like to sign up, visit our [Doodle poll](#).

Season's Greetings!

May the magic and wonder of the holiday season stay with you throughout the coming year!

Thank you for all that you do to support the IPWA and our mission.

We are excited for what 2020 will bring!

Warmly,
The IPWA

Photo by Mary White



Program Updates

Winter Patrols Now Underway!

We have added 6 new winter patrollers this year, bringing us to a total of 19! Please join us in congratulating them!

These volunteers have taken the extra effort to successfully complete 8 hours of additional classroom time, a field day exercise at Brainard Lake, and Wilderness First Aid training, which is about 32 hours of additional training.

In the winter, we work alongside Bryan Mountain Ski Patrol. We are proud to have

patrollers who are qualified to work with public safety agencies, such as Rocky Mountain Rescue, that can provide an additional level of service to those who visit and enjoy the IPW and JPW twelve months a year.

As visitations have significantly increased in the Winter and Spring, our patrollers often encounter just as many people as you would in the summer. Their service is much appreciated!

[Check Winter Trail Conditions Here](#)



Ranger's Corner

Introducing our newest newsletter section: Ranger's Corner!

Jonathan Brooks is the Wilderness and Trails Manager for the Boulder Ranger District.

Each month he'll be discussing a topic that pertains to Wilderness, along with a Question of the Month!

"When the Wilderness Act was passed in 1964, 54 areas (9.1 million acres) in 13 states were designated as Wilderness. This law established these areas as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. Since 1964, the *NWPS has grown* almost every year and now includes 803 areas (111,375,657) in 44 states and Puerto Rico. In 1980, the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) added over 56 million acres of wilderness to the system, the *largest addition in a single year*.

Overall, however, only about 5% of the entire United States—an area slightly larger than the state of California—is protected as wilderness. Because Alaska contains just over half of America's wilderness, only about 2.7% of the contiguous United States—an area about the size of Minnesota—is protected as wilderness."

Question of the Month:

How many Wilderness Areas does the Continental Divide Trail traverse?

Be the first to respond with the correct answer to Jonathan.C.Brooks@USDA.Gov and receive a wilderness related prize. Prizes may be picked up at the Boulder Ranger District Office.

Upcoming Events

December 21st, 22nd, and 24th
Gift Wrapping Fundraiser
Boulder Book Store

Community Corner

The Community Corner is meant to highlight our wonderful supporters that help the IPWA accomplish all that we do! We couldn't do it without you!

Community Corner Highlight:

prAna Boulder and Boulder Hiker Chicks

On Colorado Gives Day, [prAna Boulder](#) and the [Boulder Hiker Chicks](#) hosted a fundraiser for 3 environmental nonprofits - including the IPWA! A big thank you to these organizations, as well as everyone who chose to donate to the IPWA!



Our Board Chair, Kelly, pictured with Kari and Alli from BHC and Meredith from prAna.

Wondering How You Can Support the IPWA?

Click the links below to learn more!

Become a member today for just
\$10!

Donate!

Volunteer!

Be sure to like and follow us on social media!

