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IPWA COVID-19 Planning and Response

IPWA Returning Volunteers,

I hope this email finds you all well during this trying time.

The IPWA is monitoring the developing COVID-19 situation and will comply with all guidelines issued by local health authorities and official CDC recommendation to postpone or otherwise modify events as warranted. We have also been in regular contact with our partners at the USFS to ensure compliance with their guidance as well.

Our main priority is the safety and well-being of our volunteers and the community, and the IPWA is committed to do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19.

As you know, this is the time of year many of our volunteers and Board members are busy planning for summer patrol training, trail maintenance projects, internship hires and research grants. Based on recent state and local public health guidance, these planning activities, including IPWA Board meetings, have already transitioned from face to face meetings to teleconferencing.

In addition, the following 2 important changes are now in affect:

1. Per guidance received from the USFS Boulder Ranger District, **IPWA Winter Patrols have been suspended until further notice.**
2. New and returning **volunteer registration will now open on May 1st, 2020,** rather than April 1st, 2020.

To read more about these updates, please visit our [COVID-19 Updates page](#).

At the current time, IPWA activities beyond May 1st, 2020 are proceeding as planned. However, there is a strong possibility that June training, summer patrols and trail projects will be affected since the situation continues to evolve.

We will continue to update our volunteers regarding any changes and/or cancellations via email, our website, and our social media pages.

Your health and well-being is very important to us. If you are looking for a one-stop resource for COVID-19 information, please check the [CDC FAQ page](#).

Stay well and hope to see you all in June.

Kelly Prendergast and the IPWA Board of Directors



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