



## Notes from the Chair

### IPWA Volunteers

Welcome to our March 2015 newsletter!

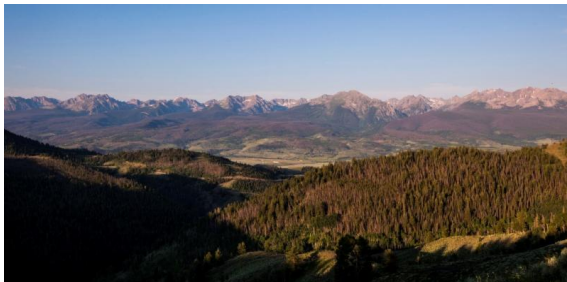
As we start to gear up for our 2015 hiking season, we'll be using this forum to keep everyone up to date on what is new with your organization, calendar and event updates, information from the Forest Service and other partners, and general wilderness information regarding the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Monday March 9:

#### **Open House/Presentation: What have we learned from the Bark Beetles?**

Please join us for our annual open house and presentation at the Forest Service offices in Boulder Colorado (2140 Yarmouth Ave, Boulder, CO 80301) starting at 7:00 PM with coffee and refreshments. Jeff Minton, professor at the University of Colorado will be presenting on recent updates on the mountain pine beetle (MPB) epidemic. The presentation will start at 7:30 PM and last until 8:30 PM



### Wednesday April 1:

#### **New Volunteer Application Opens**

We will be accepting new volunteer applications for the 2015 summer season starting on Wednesday April 1. Be on the lookout for updates from us and feel free to reach out to friends who might be interested in joining us in our volunteer work. We're always looking for new volunteers either to help patrol the wilderness trails during the summer, assist with trail project work, and perform any number of other activities within our organization.

### Saturday June 13:

#### **Volunteer Patrol Training**

We will be holding our annual volunteer patrol training at the Forest Service offices on Saturday June 13 from ~ 7:30 AM - 3 PM. We are currently in the process of updating the agenda and topics to ensure we are meeting the needs of our volunteers. More information will be coming soon!

## Forest Service Updates

## 2015 Summer Patrol Planning

We've already had a number of meetings with the Forest Service to start the planning for our June training event and our summer hiking season. This year we'll be adding new and more relevant content to our training meeting, along with updating our 'IPWA Hikers Handbook.' We'll provide additional information as we get closer to our training date.



## IPWA Board News

We're really excited about our upcoming summer patrol season, in addition to a number of new areas that we are planning on expanding on this year including more trail projects, continuing with our research and education grants, and furthering our community outreach.

Please send us any and all feedback. We are interested in hearing from you!

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