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Welcome to our May 2019 newsletter!

Keep It Wild!

IPWA News

Season Welcome & 2018 Annual Report

A welcome from our IPWA Chair, Kelly Prendergast:

Happy May everyone! Our summer season kickoff and training session is just around the corner on Saturday, June 8th and I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone. I'm especially excited to welcome **32 new volunteers** and **2 Wilderness Ranger Interns** to their first season with IPWA and the USFS Boulder Ranger District. I also want to welcome back our **wonderful returning volunteers**. Your dedication and involvement in IPWA programs and activities is the core of our organization and the key to our many years of success.

For a look back at the IPWA's 2018 accomplishments, check out our 2018 Annual Report [here](#).

All the winter snow and rain this year should make for an exceptional season of volunteering as the high country will soon be bursting with new growth, full lakes, wildlife and visitors.

See you soon,
Kelly Prendergast
IPWA Chair



Reminder: New Training Location

As a reminder, the training day will **no longer** be held at the CU Boulder campus.

Instead, the training will be held at the Boulder American Legion ([4760 28th St, Boulder, CO 80301](#)). This is just down the street from the Boulder Ranger District and will have plenty of parking available.

Several things to note:

- Mid-morning refreshments (coffee & snacks) will be provided, but please bring your own lunch and water bottle.
- It is suggested to bring a notepad and pen, as there is a lot of content to cover.

Searching for Board Members

We need your expertise! The IPWA Board is searching for 3 new board members ready to serve as organizational champions.

We are looking to fill the following positions:

- 1) Treasurer
- 2) Secretary
- 3) Fundraising Coordinator

Board members attend the monthly board meeting, and put in a minimum of 6 hours each month managing IPWA organizational operations.

Interested? Please send questions and contact information to hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org!



IPWA Program Updates

National Trails Day Project - June 1st

Mark your calendars! The first IPWA trail work trip of the season will be on **Saturday, June 1st - National Trails Day!** Since there is still plenty of snow in the Indian Peaks Wilderness, the exact location of this trip is still to be determined. We are considering the South Boulder Creek Trail (East Portal), the South Saint Vrain Trail, or the Buchanan Pass Trail (Camp Dick), and we will make a final decision by May 24th.

Let us know if you can join us on National Trails Day by emailing ipwatrailcrew@gmail.com.

We have many exciting trail projects planned for this summer, including an opportunity to

help the USFS relocate the heavily used trail between Mitchell and Blue Lakes in July and August. Digging new trail is fun work, and it directly impacts the wilderness experience for future generations of hikers.

We look forward to working with you! Keep it wild!



U.S. Forest Service News

Eldora Expansion Update

A final MOU had been signed by the USFS and all parties regarding a request to expand the Eldora Ski Area. This final agreement was perceived as a win by the Middle Boulder Creek Coalition (MBCC) since expansion will NOT proceed into the Hessie Trail Head area. Read more [here!](#)

IPWA Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 1st

Trail Project for National Trails Day

Saturday, June 8th

Summer Patrol Training Day

Check out other upcoming trail projects and Trail Head Host dates on our [Events page](#).

IPWA 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:
Boulder Rural Fire Protection District

A big thank you to the Boulder Rural Fire Protection District for generously allowing us to use their meeting room for our monthly board meetings!

BRFD is a full-service emergency services provider in portions of western, northern and eastern unincorporated Boulder County. To learn more about the Boulder Rural Fire Protection District, click [here](#).

Wondering How You Can Support the IPWA?

Click the links below to learn more!

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