

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 May 2018 newsletter!

We are now almost 6 months into the year and a lot is going on! In this month's newsletter we will provide a quick update on planning activities, along with updates on our program work. We have a lot planned for 2018 and want to thank all of you for your wonderful support of our organization.

As always, reach out to us with any questions, comments, or ideas regarding how we can best help achieve our mission of helping to "preserve and protect the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas."

Keep it wild!

I. IPWA News

Gearing Up For Our Summer Season

We are busy planning for our summer training session, as well as wrapping up the registration process. We have 30+ new volunteers joining us this summer!

We are excited for the summer patrol season!



Wilderness First Aid Class: A Success!

Thanks to the USFS, we again hosted a 2 day Wilderness First Aid training class at the Boulder Ranger District. It was a great turn out, with participants learning new skills or refreshing them for the upcoming season.



This class is required for our IPWA Winter Patrol Program, and is strongly recommended for our IPWA Sawyer Program.



Summer Patrols Training Day

As a reminder for all new and returning Summer Patrol Volunteers:

The mandatory training event will be held at the U.S. Forest Service Boulder Ranger District on June 9th, 2018.

More details to come - be on the lookout for an email as the day approaches.

We are looking forward to a day full of training and learning with both new faces and old!



II. IPWA Wilderness Program Updates

Upcoming Trail Projects

The Wilderness Restoration Program is currently planning a trail project/tree clearing day for National Trails Day on **Saturday, June 2nd!**

The event will meet at the East Portal trailhead, where volunteers will participate in either a trail project or a patrol & tree clearing hike. This will be followed by a post-event potluck to celebrate the start of the season!

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Ben Katz at bbrowningkatz@gmail.com.

(Please note: This event is weather dependent).



"Wilderness Under Siege" Event

Join us on June 6th for this educational presentation! Details below:

"George Wuerthner, a longtime wilderness activist, writer and ecologist, will give a free public presentation from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., June 6, at the main branch of the Boulder Public Library.

Since October, Mr. Wuerthner has been traveling around the West on a tour titled "Wilderness Under Siege" to raise



awareness of the numerous threats facing wilderness. He also aims to help people better protect the wildernesses in their backyards and around the country, and organize against congressional and administration efforts to weaken or repeal the 1964 Wilderness Act. Mr. Wuerthner's presentation is sponsored by the Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance of Boulder. His tour is funded by Wilderness Watch of Missoula, Montana."

Wilderness Interpretive Program at Brainard Lake

As part of our Wilderness Advocacy, we are in the early phases of coordinating an interpretive program at Brainard Lake this summer with American Land & Leisure. These programs will take place on a few weekends and will include an educational talk followed by a small hike.



More details to come!

Wilderness In Nature Program

We are working with the University of Northern Colorado Center for Urban Education to develop a program for college students who will be teaching in Denver Public elementary schools to get exposed to wilderness and land management issues. We are planning to hold events for the students at Rocky Mtn Arsenal, Heill Ranch, Dinosaur Ridge, Brainard Lake and Meadow Mountain.

A big thank you to IPWA Volunteer Jessica Feld and IPWA Board Member Daryl Ogden for working to pull this program together!



III. USFS News

Brainard Lake Road CLOSED Thursday March 1 through Thursday June 28

The Brainard Lake Road is now closed for reconstruction until the end of June. The road will be closed to all travelers (bikes, pedestrians, vehicles) 24-hours a day, seven days a week in order to safely excavate the area, haul material, and rebuild the road. The road is to be fully reopened at the end of the workday on Thursday, June 28.



Alternative places to cross-country ski or snowshoe include Jenny Creek Trail and Guinn Mountain (dogs prohibited, park outside the Eldora Mountain Resort official parking lot), as well as the Rainbow Lakes Road and Sourdough Trail (dogs allowed, park at the Sourdough Trailead).

IV. NATIONAL WILDERNESS NEWS

Update: Recreational Shooting

The IPWA has had a number of discussions with a wide range of groups & organizations regarding the challenges of designating the Indian Peaks Wilderness & James Peak Wilderness areas as "suitable" for recreational shooting.

We have met with each organization below to discuss our concerns and potential precedents that such a designation will have on wilderness within Colorado and across the nation:

Local Congressional Offices

- * Office of Representative Jared Polis.
- * Office of Senator Michael Bennet.

USFS DC Office

Local County Government Offices

- * Boulder County
- * Gilpin County

Local Civic Associations

- * Eldora Civic Association
- * Middle Boulder Creek Coalition

National Wilderness Focused Organizations

- * The Wilderness Society
- * Wilderness Watch
- * Sierra Club
- * NWSA

Colorado 'Friends' Group

- * Friends of Eagles Nest Wilderness
- * Poudre Wilderness Volunteers
- * Friends of Steamboat Springs Wilderness
 - * Friends of Mount Evans
- * Upper Arkansas Friends of Wilderness



Additionally, you can read more about this issue from a recent Daily Camera article: ["Boulder County sees gun ranges on horizon, but residents' frustration builds"](#)

V. IPWA Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 2nd
National Trails Day Project
East Portal Trailhead

Join us as we celebrate National Trails Day by participating in a trail project at the East Portal trailhead! This project will be followed up by a post-event potluck to celebrate the start of the season! More details to come.

Wednesday June 6th
Wilderness Lecture Series with George Wuerthner
Boulder Public Library Main Branch from 6 PM - 7 PM

Join us for a great wilderness presentation from George Wuerthner - a professional photographer, writer and ecologist. With his ecological training and experience in wildlands throughout the country, George brings passion and knowledge to wilderness advocacy. The public is welcome!

Saturday June 9th
IPWA Summer Patrol Volunteer Training Day
Boulder USFS Office (36th/Yarmouth)

Pencil this date in your calendars for our annual training day. 2018 new volunteers are required to attend this event, and prior volunteers are strongly encouraged to stop by. More details to come!

Saturday/Sunday June 30/July 1
USFS Cross Cut Sawyer Certification Class
Boulder USFS Office (36th/Yarmouth)

We will be holding our second annual Sawyer Certification Class for IPWA volunteers. This class is required for those individuals who would like to help our organization clear the IP/JP Wilderness trails of downed trees. A big thanks to the USFS for agreeing to hold this training for the 2nd year in a row!

Thursday July 26
IPWA Mid-Season Potluck

Pencil in our annual mid-season potluck party of IPWA Volunteers and Members. This is always a fun event!

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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