

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 September 2017 newsletter!

As we get to the end of September we can start to look back on our great summer season (even though we still have a few more days of hiking). We have now held three Trail Head Host Days, we have completed the trail restoration project yesterday in the James Peak Wilderness, and we are in the middle of planning for our Fall/Winter activities. A big THANK YOU to all of you that volunteer who help make this happen!

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

IPWA Photo Contest: 6 Days left to submit your photos!

We are holding our 3rd annual IPWA Volunteer photo contest. Winners receive a set of gift cards with their photos on the cards, along with having their photos used in our newsletters over the course of the year.

Please send us your photos by simply clicking on the link below (or emailing us at hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org) and attaching your photos. Please include with your email your (1) name, (2) location of each photo, and (3) a brief description of the photo.

(photo by prior award winner Carol Dozier).



[Submit my photos via this link for the IPWA photo contest!](#)

II. IPWA Wilderness Program Updates

Wilderness Summer Patrols: Only one week left!

Over 360 patrols completed to date...more than 3,500 volunteer hours...over 34,000 members of the public seen on the trails...5,500 dogs encountered with 605 not on a leash...over 90 fire rings removed...numerous downed trees removed from the trails...and we still have one more week!

Thanks to ALL who volunteered this year as we have had another great season!

(photo of IPWA Board members Daryl Ogden and Yonah Cohen)



Wilderness Information Specialist: It's a wrap!

We wrapped up the second year of our Wilderness Information Specialist (WIS) Program and a huge THANK YOU to Jim Merryman for running this program. This is a program whereby IPWA volunteers assist in staffing the front desk at the USFS office in Boulder, and manage the wilderness permit process (which can actually take more time than one would think!).

As a result of Jim's efforts and our wonderful group of volunteers, we were able to staff the wilderness desk at the USFS office full time from Memorial Day - Labor Day. Great job Jim and volunteers!

(Photo of IPWA Board Member and volunteer Jim Merryman)



Wilderness Trail Head Host Day: 3rd and last event of the season!

We held our third Trail Head Host Day on Saturday September 16 and had a great time! IPWA volunteers helped staff our tent at East Portal/Moffat Tunnel (a HUGE thank you to Kelly Prendergast, Sallie Greenwood, Rob Pudim, Duane Isakson & Sarah McNamara who helped make this day a success!). We saw around 150 individuals and more than 40 backpackers. Everyone was very appreciative of our time and we received numerous 'thank yous' from members of the public.

If we can find an individual to help manage this program in 2018, we'll plan on having many more Trail Head Host days scheduled next summer. If interested, shoot us an



email by clicking on the link below (or emailing us at hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org) and telling us why you are interested!

(Photo of IPWA Volunteer Kelly Prendergast and Rob Pudim at East Portal).

[Yes, I'm interested in being the Program Director for the IPWA Wilderness Trail Head Host Program. Send me more details!](#)

IPWA Wilderness Trail Projects: We finished the "turnpike"!

Thanks to all who helped the IPWA in taking out an old rotten boardwalk on the South Boulder Creek trail in the James Peak Wilderness Area and replacing it with a brand new turnpike. We completed the project yesterday!

Spanning 3 weekends of work, IPWA volunteers in working with the USFS employees completed putting in a 'turnpike' (shown at right in the top picture) on the heavily used South Boulder Creek trail. Volunteers help to fall two trees, de-bark the trees, cut two trees to size using the cross cutting saw skills learned at the start of the summer, and then place the trees along the pathway. This past weekend a group of volunteers than hauled rock to fill in the trail, added dirt on top, and completed the project just as the rains were coming in. A huge thank you to the USFS for leading this project (and especially Ben Husted for directing the work crews!), the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance for providing grant money to the IPWA to help acquire gear for the endeavor, and to our very own Andy Gup for coordinating all of the activities. What a great way to end up our summer wilderness trail project season!

(Photo of volunteers at work yesterday - dry in the AM and a bit soggy in the PM!)



IPWA Winter Patrols: One last chance to volunteer!

We are in the middle of planning for our 2017/2018 Winter Patrol season and this is the last chance for IPWA Volunteers to sign up! If interested in getting more details on this fun activity during the winter months, please send a quick email via the link below (or emailing us at hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org). As a FYI, you already need to be an IPWA volunteer who has completed our annual summer training program to participate in our winter patrols.

(Photo of IPWA Volunteer and Board Member Yonah Cohen and IPWA Volunteer Charlie Ames)



[I'm interested in Winter Patrols \(and I am already an IPWA volunteer\). Please send me more information!](#)

III. USFS News

Brainard Lake road construction and closure (March-June 2018)



Brainard Road will be closed to all traffic (cars and bikes) from early March 2018 through Thursday, June 28 2018 (24-hours a day, seven days a week). This will allow for uninterrupted construction work and a safer construction zone.

- The Brainard Recreation Area will be CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC during the same time period.
- From June 29, 2018 through the end of construction, weekday access to both the road and recreation area may be impacted by potential delays from on-going road construction.

[USFS Indian Peaks Wilderness Information](#)

IV. IPWA Upcoming Events

Saturday September 30

Last Day of Volunteer Summer Patrols

The 2017 summer hiking season will officially wrap up for IPWA volunteers on Saturday September 30.

Saturday September 30

IPWA Volunteer/Member Photo Contest Submission Due Date

This will be our 3rd year for our annual IPWA volunteer photo submission contest. Please have all of your photos submitted by this deadline.

Sunday October 8 (9 AM - 3 PM)

Brainard Lake Recreation Area Winter Trail Tree Clearing

Brainard Lake Recreation Area - Winter Gate

We will be holding our second annual winter trail clearing project at the Brainard Lake Recreation Area (BRLA). Our goal will be to remove as many downed trees as we can from the snowshoe and ski trails surrounding the BRLA. Expect some strenuous work cutting trees and hauling branches in order to get the trails ready for ski/snowshoe season. The IPWA will provide cross cut saws and other equipment. Volunteers should plan on an all day project, and should have plenty of warm gear, work clothes, and food/water. No prior experience necessary and this event is open to both IPWA volunteers and members. If interested, please sign up at the Doodle poll via the link below (or go to <https://beta.doodle.com/poll/ksupsvetx7gx8xim>):

[Yes, I want to sign up to help clear Brainard Lake trails of downed trees!](#)

Sunday October 15

End of Season Volunteer THANK YOU Picnic

Harlow Platts Community Park (near South Boulder Rec Center)

We're holding our annual volunteering thank you picnic on Sunday 10/15 at noon in Harlow Platts park. We'll do this rain or shine (so wish for good weather!) as a way to say 'thanks' to all the volunteers who helped this past summer patrol season. More details to come!

Wednesday November 1

Annual IPWA End of Year Fund Raising Programs

We'll be kicking off our annual end of year fund raising programs on Wednesday November 1. Please be on the lookout for more details!

Saturday November 4

Winter Patrol Training

USFS Boulder Ranger District Office (Yarmouth and 36th st in Boulder CO)

This will be our 4th year of winter patrols and our volunteer group keeps growing!

Tuesday December 5

Colorado Gives Day

Our very own Scott Oetting (IPWA Board Member and Treasurer) has been spending a great deal of time this year getting our organization registered to be able to accept donations on Colorado Gives Day. Huge kudos to Scott for making this happen!

Saturday/Sunday December 23 and 24

Annual Christmas Gift Wrapping Event

Boulder Bookstore

We will again be holding our annual holiday gift wrapping fund raising at the Boulder Bookstore. Be on the lookout for IPWA volunteers assisting last minute shoppers in getting their gifts wrapped for Christmas. We'll be sending out more information as we get closer so that volunteers may sign up for this event.

V. 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.

Paul W.

I write books on personalities, each of which can be improved-upon or healed when immersed in the bosom of a lush, quiet forest. The planet's plight is in our hands. If we heal, the planet can heal - and it all starts with our forests. I

donate to IPWA because it has a robust plan for wilderness protection AND it's fiscally lean. What more can we ask for? Thank you IPWA!"

[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!

Donate Today via PayPal or with personal credit card

