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## February 2021 Newsletter

**Keep It Wild!**

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# *IPWA News*

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**Happy Valentines Day!**



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**"Teach the Teachers" Program Seeking Additional  
Volunteer Help**

The IPWA Board of Directors is seeking a volunteer who would be interested in helping develop a virtual program that educates student teachers on the significance of public lands, the value of wilderness areas and the concept of stewardship of these lands.

Please respond to Daryl Ogden at [hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org](mailto:hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org).

[Click here to learn more about the program!](#)

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## New on the Blog!

### "Conservation Colorado's Campaign to Protect Public Land"

Scientists are urging us to conserve at least 30% of our planet's land and oceans by 2030 to mitigate the climate crisis and slow species loss. Thankfully, there's a global effort afoot called "30x30" that is working towards achieving that goal. And on January 27, President Biden signed an Executive Order committing to protect 30% of U.S. land and oceans by 2030.



Beau Kiklis, Conservation Colorado's Public Lands Advocate, addresses how [Conservation Colorado](#) is working to make 30x30 a reality in Colorado.

[Read more here!](#)

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# Program Updates

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## Now Accepting 2021 Research Grant Applications!

The Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance is offering research grants in memory of University of Colorado geography student David Paddon, who conducted research in the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area and died in a climbing accident there in May 1990 and of Joyce Gellhorn, a passionate alpine and sub-alpine ecologist, enthusiastic educator, and long-time Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance Board member.

### Awards:

Three (3) IPWA Paddon/Gellhorn Wilderness grants are available for up to \$1,500 each. Applications are due by **March 13, 2021** and awards will be announced by April 10, 2021.

### Eligibility:

Applicants must be undergraduate or graduate students attending any Colorado university

and conducting research with a focus on issues affecting Colorado alpine and sub-alpine environments. The research topic should help provide a better understanding of the ecological environment and/or wise management of the Colorado high country. The grants will be awarded based on the quality and merit of the research proposal as well as the recommendation of the faculty advisor.

In October of the funding year, recipients must submit a three to five minute video (with audio) summarizing research results. Alternatives to the video can be discussed prior to awarding the grant funds.

**Application:**

Interested applicants should send the following materials to the attention of Daryl Ogden, Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance at [hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org](mailto:hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org):

1) A letter of application:

Indicate your name, local address, phone number, e-mail address, university, college department, current degree program, and the name, phone number, and e-mail of your faculty advisor.

2) A research proposal:

State clearly and concisely, in no more than two pages, the research objectives, study area, overall experimental design, and the potential significance of findings. Tables and figures are discouraged.

**It is essential that the grant request be written in a language understandable by the general public. Reviewers should not have to rely on explanations provided by faculty advisors to understand the concepts and goals contained in the grant application.**

3) A proposed budget:

Detail how you would spend the grant award. □

4) A letter of support from your faculty advisor.

**[Click here to learn more about the Paddo/Gellhorn Wilderness Research Grants program!](#)**

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## Winter Patrols Update

Our winter patrollers have been hard at work and are doing an amazing job given there's still a pandemic going on. They have completed over 30 patrols so far, which is a record!

They've counted more than 1,300 visitors, trimmed or removed over a dozen trees, and seen the Brainard Lake winter parking lot completely full and overflowing down the road.

Both the IPWA and USFS wish to thank them for their service in helping IPWA provide nearly year round patrol coverage!

**[Check Winter Trail Conditions Here](#)**



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