

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 March 2018 newsletter!

We are now almost 4 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

IPWA 2017 Annual Report is now available!

"Saving Wilderness. Changing Lives." As you will read in this report, we have had an excellent year achieving our mission of 'Preserving and Protecting the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas.' From our patrol programs, to our advocacy outreach, trail projects, and education programs, we work every day to help our volunteers, members, and friends gain an increased understanding for wilderness and the value of nature in our lives. Most importantly, THANK YOU for all of your generous support in terms of volunteer hours, financial contributions, and enthusiasm for our wonderful organization.

Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance:
2017 Annual Report



Click to read full report here: [IPWA 2017 Annual Report](#)

IPWA Awarded "All Star Award 2017" by Constant Contact!

IPWA has been named a 2017 All Star Award winner by Constant Contact, a leader in email marketing solutions. The annual award recognizes the most successful 10 percent of Constant Contact's customer base, based on their significant achievements using email marketing to engage their base and drive results for their organization during the prior year.



We're happy to be recognized by Constant Contact for achieving strong marketing results and engaging with our followers! Thank you for being involved in the Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance by reading our monthly newsletters!

Wilderness First Aid Interested in Participating?

Thanks to the USFS, we are again planning on holding a two day Wilderness First Aid training class at the USFS office in Boulder CO the weekend of May 19/20. This two day class is required for our IPWA winter patrol program, and strongly recommended for our IPWA sawyer program. We are in the early planning stages for this event (e.g. exact days/times, fees, course content, etc.). If you are interested in potentially attending, please click on the link below to send us a quick email! As we get closer to the date, we will finalize registration and let everyone know the cost as well.



[I'm interested in attending the IPWA two day Wilderness First Aid Training!](#)

II. IPWA Wilderness Program Updates

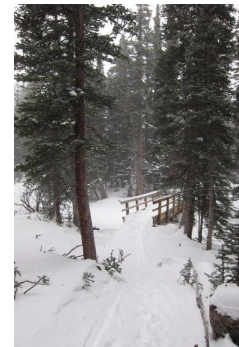
IPWA Winter Patrols: Season Going Strong!

In 2018, IPWA volunteers have conducted 12 winter patrols! We have also been busy removing downed trees and ensuring trails are kept clear for skiers and snowshoers.

We will be planning May trail tree clearing activities with our new volunteer Head of Trail Clearing - Ben Katz!

For those who may not be aware, we also provide a public facing web site with information from our trail reports that describes general trail conditions and snow pack. Check out the web site below for information on trail conditions prior to your next hike!

[What are the current trail conditions in the IP/JP](#)



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).

[Brainard Lake Road Construction Status](#)

IV. NATIONAL WILDERNESS NEWS

Fire Funding Fixed in Omnibus Spending Bill!



In the past, the U.S. Forest Service was forced to "borrow" money from other agency accounts whenever it exceeded its appropriated dollars for fighting fires. This means that other agency responsibilities, such as trail maintenance and planning, went unaddressed. With this new bill, fire borrowing will end and will address the erosion of agency budgets by freezing the amount of money the agency is responsible for paying for before it's able to access disaster relief money. This will ultimately "free up" the U.S. Forest Service's budget to focus on other important projects!

[Read more about fire funding and other good news for public lands at Outdoor Alliance's website.](#)

V. IPWA Upcoming Events

Wednesday March 28th (Longmont) / Wednesday April 11th (Erie) Saving Snow Documentary

"Saving Snow" is a 53 minute documentary showcasing heroes in the fight against fading

winters. The film highlights both individuals and organizations who are working to reduce their community's impacts on the environment and raise awareness of the need for climate change action.

Free but registration requested on Facebook www.facebook.com/LongmontCCL/ or www.facebook.com/CarbonValleyCCL/

Sunday April 1st

2018 Summer Patrol Volunteer Registration/Re-Registration Opens

Be on the lookout for information regarding volunteering with the IPWA in 2018. This is the date when our volunteer registration and re-registration will open for our 2018 summer patrol season. More details to come.

Saturday/Sunday May 19th and 20th

Advanced First Aid Training

Boulder USFS Office (36th/Yarmouth)

Pencil in this date for a two day advanced First Aid training. This two day course (or other advanced first aid certification) is recommended for volunteers who take part in our sawyer training, and is required for our winter patrol volunteers. 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: Ben K.

"Since I was young, wilderness has held a dear place in my heart. After spending a couple of summers as a wilderness ranger with the USFS and USFWS in wilderness areas from Alaska to Nebraska, I wanted to continue supporting wild places! I became a member of the IPWA to preserve opportunities for solitude, and the natural, undeveloped, and untrammeled characteristics in the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness areas. Keep It Wild!" (Photo of Ben K.)



[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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