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Welcome to our February 2020 Newsletter!

**Keep It Wild!**

## *IPWA News*

### Immediate Position Openings

If interested in filling a position, please send an email to [hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org](mailto:hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org).

#### Trail Maintenance Coordinator

This is an exciting hands-on position to assist with planning and overseeing trail maintenance projects in both the IPW and JPW. This is a position where you can truly leave a lasting impression on visitors for many years to come. Some experience with trail maintenance is preferred.

(6 hours per trail project)



#### Summer Patrol Coordinator

This position works with the training team to plan summer patrol training activities, serves as a focal point for volunteer patrol questions, and works with the Volunteer Services team to monitor and capture patrol data.



(8-12 hours per month, less time in fall and early winter months)

### Web/Database Programmer

Do you have experience with Microsoft Azure, .Net and C sharp? If so, the IPWA needs your skills to help update and maintain our Volunteer Portal and Database!

(4-8 hours per month)



### 2020 Wilderness First Aid Dates

Front Range CPR has released their 2020 Wilderness First Aid dates. If you weren't able to attend our fall class, this is a great opportunity learn valuable skills.

View calendar dates [here](#).

P.S. Save \$25 on Advanced Wilderness First Aid by using promo code **FRIENDS2020**

*Program  
Updates*

### 2020 Wilderness Ranger Internship: Now Accepting Applications!

Are you passionate about the stewardship of wild areas and interested in a career in natural resource management? We are now accepting applications for our 2020 Wilderness Ranger Internship program!

General duties include conducting ranger patrols, user education, and conducting trail maintenance in the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness areas.

Ideal applicants will have experience hiking and camping in the outdoors, are passionate about the stewardship of wild lands, and are interested in a career in natural resource management. This Forest Service position is sponsored by the IPWA and includes a \$1500 stipend and Forest Service Bunkhouse/Tent accommodations for a 10 week commitment. Applications are due by March 1st, 2020.

To learn more about the program and how to apply, click [here](#).



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## 2020 Paddon/Gelhorn Wilderness Research Grants: Now Accepting Applications!

Three (3) IPWA Paddon/Gelhorn Wilderness Research Grants will be available again in 2020 for up to \$1,500 each. Since 1998, the IPWA has funded and awarded graduate and undergraduate research grants with a focus on ecological impacts within Colorado's high-country region. These grants honor David Paddon and Joyce Gelhorn.

Applicants must be undergraduate or graduate students in environmental sciences, geography, ecology, geology, or related fields with a focus on ecological impacts in alpine and sub-alpine environments. The research topic should provide a better understanding of the ecology of Colorado high country. The grants will be awarded based on the quality and merit of the research proposal, and on the recommendation of the faculty advisor.

Applications are due by March 13th, 2020.

To learn more about the program and how to apply, click [here](#).

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*Jonathan Brooks is the Wilderness and Trails Manager for the Boulder Ranger District. Each month he'll be discussing a topic that pertains to Wilderness, along with a Question of the Month!*

Have you ever wondered how cultural and historical resources are managed in Wilderness? The Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness are steeped with cultural and historical resources, ranging from game drives built by Native Americans for hunting purposes, to the mining era of the mid-late 1800's. All historical sites and structures in Wilderness are cataloged and incorporated into our Forest heritage resources plan.



*Above: A hunting blind and game drive in James Peak Wilderness*



*Above: Historic mining equipment from 4<sup>th</sup> of July Mine in Indian Peaks Wilderness.*

The Wilderness Act states in Section 2(c)(4) that wildernesses "may contain features of scientific, educational...or historical value." Where present, cultural resources are part of this "unique" quality of wilderness character. Of the hundreds of wilderness areas that Congress has designated, many, but not all, are rich in cultural resources. Where those resources have been identified, they may be among the most important reasons for designating the area as wilderness.

In addition, the presence of cultural resources contributes to the outstanding opportunities for primitive recreation. For some visitors, few experiences are more exciting than being in a wild place and coming across the remains of a former life - from an Archaic lithic scatter to a homesteader's cabin. There seems to be a symbiotic relationship between cultural resources and wilderness. We've seen, above, how cultural resources can enrich wilderness. On the other hand, wilderness is sometimes the most beneficial land use allocation for protecting cultural resources, because it is there that these resources have been -- and continue to be -- farthest from the ravages of modern technological civilization.

### **Question of the Month:**

**How did the iconic IPW "Lone Eagle Peak" receive its name?**

*Be the first to respond with the correct answer to [Jonathan.C.Brooks@USDA.Gov](mailto:Jonathan.C.Brooks@USDA.Gov) and*

receive a wilderness related prize. Prizes may be picked up at the Boulder Ranger District office.

*Last month's question was:  
"What is both the smallest and largest Wilderness in the National Wilderness Preservation system?"*

*Answer: Wrangell-Saint Elias in Alaska is the largest, and Pelican Island in Florida is the smallest....9,078,675 acres compared to 5.5!*

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## *Upcoming Events*

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Sunday, March 1st  
**2020 Wilderness Ranger Internship Applications Due**

Friday, March 13th  
**2020 Research Grant Applications Due**

Wednesday, April 1st  
**Summer Patrol Registration Opens**

Saturday, June 6th  
**Mandatory Training Day  
(location TBD)**

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## *Community Corner*

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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: CU Volunteer Resource Center**

A big thank you to the University of Colorado's Volunteer Resource Center for hosting and inviting the IPWA to the 2020 Spring Volunteer Fair! It was a wonderful opportunity to engage with CU students and get them involved with our organization!



**Wondering How You Can Support the IPWA?  
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