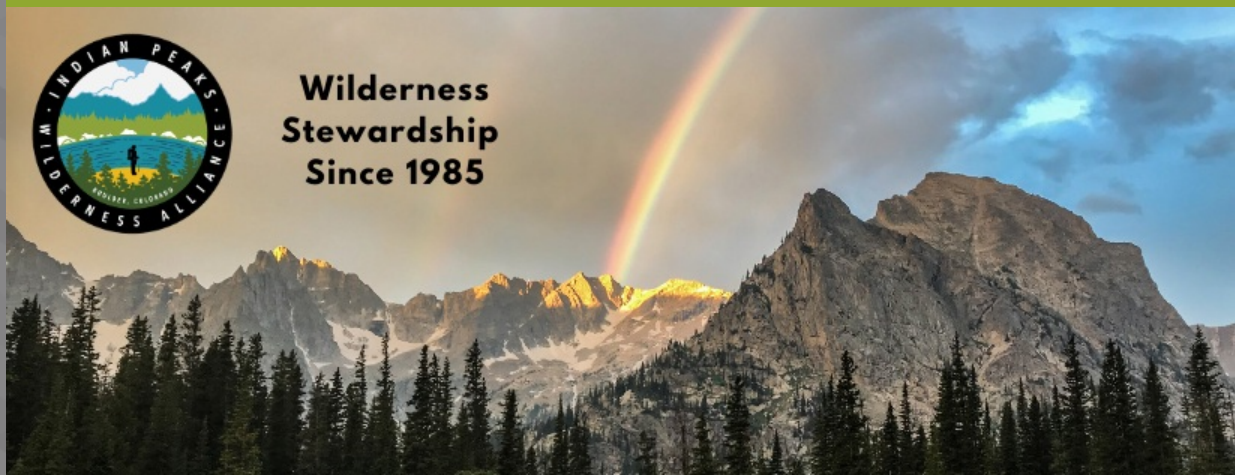




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February 2025 Newsletter

IPWA News

Hey, Volunteers!

Ever wonder how IPWA is managed?
Have questions or comments for the IPWA Board?

We'd like to invite all current volunteers (as-of Summer 2024) to attend our monthly virtual IPWA Board of Directors meetings, typically held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Your presence and participation is encouraged to help increase volunteer engagement and understanding of our organization!

Head over to the IPWA Volunteer Portal for additional information on how to participate.

[**Volunteer Portal**](#)

A Big THANK YOU to Our Volunteers From USFS

Your dedication to protecting and preserving the Wilderness doesn't go unnoticed. The USFS recognizes and deeply appreciates your hard work—every mile patrolled, every trail cleared, and every visitor educated makes a lasting impact.



Arapaho Roosevelt Pawnee

Peaks to Prairie News: December 19, 2024

Three Cheers for Volunteers

With 2024 coming to a close, we would like to thank all volunteers from across the Forests and Grassland for their amazing work this year.

Across the Arapaho Roosevelt Pawnee, over 3,600 community members volunteered almost **83,000 hours** of time to support public lands. While it's not all about the money with volunteering, this equates to over **\$2.75 million**.



In visitor centers, on patrol, or at events, volunteers served as the face of the Forest Service. Almost 30,000 contacts with the public were reported this year, each one an opportunity for engagement and education. Add to that the countless trail reports published, tons of debris and garbage removed, miles of road and trail patrolled and maintained, and thousands of tips and tricks on responsible forest use shared, and the true value of volunteer partnerships becomes clear.

So, whether you helped build a trail or fence, patrolled on foot/horseback/two wheels/four wheels, staffed a public event, installed or improved signage, cleared roads, surveyed wildlife, stocked fish, or helped make all of the above and more possible by helping with coordination, we are deeply grateful.

Looking to put in some time on the ARP in 2025? Check out our [Volunteer Page](#) for more information on how to lend a hand.

Reading Group

Thursday, March 20th
3:30 - 5 pm, Rayback Collective, Boulder

[The Golden Spruce: A True Story of Myth, Madness, and Greed](#)

by John Vaillant

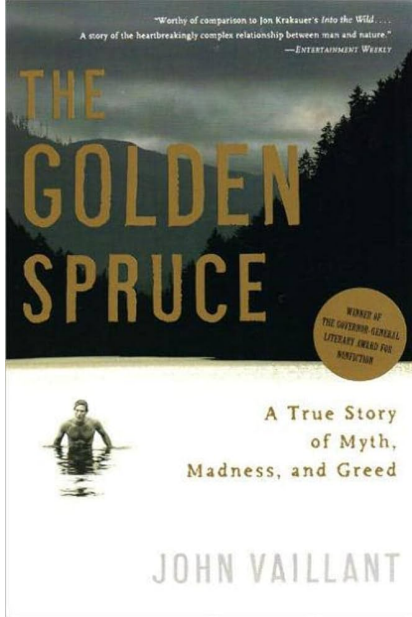
Please join us to discuss the March book selection!

We'll share our reflections about the book and our own experience.
All are welcome (IPWA members and general public).

Beverages and food available at Rayback and the food trucks.

[RSVP Here!](#)

"A deep-reaching account of the clash between wilderness values, the voracious logging industry, white settlers, and first nations people."



The book "explores the relationship between man and nature with lush language and page-turning suspense."

Join the Colorado Mountain Club, Rocky Mountain Indigenous Dancers, IPWA, and other organizations

Wednesday, February 26th
6:30-8 pm, the Dairy Center for the Arts, Boulder

Join us for the FREE event Nurture the Land, Yourself, and Others—an evening of discussion about the preservation, conservation, and regeneration of the land we tread upon in Boulder County. Discover how you can contribute to its enrichment while fostering your own connection to nature. Follow the link below for event details.

[Learn More!](#)

Program Updates

February Winter Patrol Updates!

On Sat, Feb 8, members from IPWA (Peter, Ainsley, Rich, and Brian) took part in an interagency event at Brainard hosted by Lyle from the Boulder Ranger District. Also participating in the event were representatives from Bryan Mt NSP, and Boulder Mt Bike

Patrol.

It was a surprisingly pleasant day, the stove was fired up in the warming hut, and a table was set up outside. It was a great opportunity to interact with other organizations, compare notes, and engage with the public.

Dozens of happy outdoor recreators of all experience levels and modes of transport could gain information about the area and how to use it responsibly.



[Check Winter Trail Conditions Here](#)

Interest in Shaping the Future of IPWA's Volunteer Program?

IPWA is seeking seasoned volunteers to join our Training Committee and help plan the **2025 Summer Volunteer Training Day**. Your insights and expertise will enhance our training content, improve delivery, and create a smoother onboarding experience for new volunteers.

What: Support training committee in planning 2025 Summer volunteer training day

Time commitment: Monthly committee meeting (March - June, first Monday of each month) participation at training day (June 7th), any time necessary to complete action items

How to get involved: Email hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org stating that you would like to be considered by 03/07/2025

[Email Us!](#)

Save the Date!

Summer Patrol will be here before you know it! Here's a sneak peek at the key details for IPWA's 2025 Summer Volunteer Training Day—we'd love to have you join us!

Whether you're a returning volunteer or new to the crew, this is your chance to gear up, connect, and get ready for another incredible season in the wilderness.

Date: Saturday, June 7th
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Boulder County Goodhue Farmhouse
Address: 2005 S. 112th Street, Broomfield, CO 80020

Wondering How You Can Support the IPWA? Click the links below to learn more!

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