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## **August 2025 Newsletter**

# *IPWA News*

### **Mark Your Calendars for Our Upcoming Trail Work Day!**

Join us on these days to work on important trails and build community with other volunteers excited to help out!

- September 20th

Sign up and work details will be available 2-3 weeks before each project. Reach out to [ipwatrailcrew@gmail.com](mailto:ipwatrailcrew@gmail.com) with any questions!

### **IPWA Outreach**

We've had a great season of outreach events – thank you, IPWA volunteers! We've worked alongside our Forest Service partners as we've met with community members at REI in Boulder and Denver and at the Boulder Farmer's Market.

In mid-August, IPWA had a joint event with 7 fantastic women from Women's Wilderness. It was an inspiring day of sharing and learning as we hiked together to Diamond Lake.



We are continually grateful to be part of a larger community filled with individuals

who share IPWA's vision and are eager to join with us in protecting and preserving the Wilderness.



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## Get CPR Certified – Free or Low-Cost Training Still Available

Boulder Rural Fire is offering free CPR training for Boulder Rural residents and \$25 training for non-residents. This AHA Friends and Family CPR course is a great opportunity for both current and new volunteers to gain a valuable certification.

Training Dates (All sessions run from 5:30–7:30 PM):

- Tuesday, September 10

Location: Boulder Rural Fire Station, 6230 Lookout Rd, Boulder, CO 80301  
Immediate CPR can double or triple the chances of survival after cardiac arrest.  
Take this simple step to be prepared for an emergency!  
For more details, visit [www.brfr.org](http://www.brfr.org), call (303) 530-9575, or scan the QR code to sign up.



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## Program Updates

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### 2025 Summer Patrol - End of Season Gathering!

**What:** Join us for an afternoon of celebrating the 2025 summer patrol season!

**When:** Saturday, September 27th

Time: 2:00–4:00 p.m.

Where: Beech Shelter - just north of Boulder - US 36 & Neva Road, just north of Boulder

Keep an eye out for a formal invite coming first week of September!

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## Cheers, IPWA Class of '25!

Our **34 new volunteers** have completed training and mentorship—and they're already making an impact with **165 patrols logged** this season. Way to go, Class of '25! You're making a real difference in our Wilderness.

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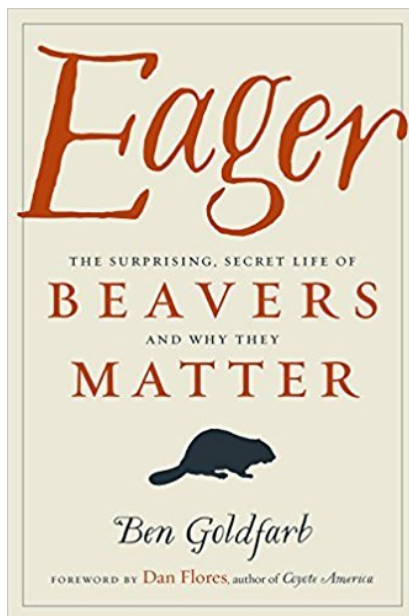
## Reading Group

Please join us to discuss books about wilderness, nature, and conservation. All are welcome. Come and share your reflections and experiences.

We'll meet on the following dates at 3:30 pm at The Rayback Collective in Boulder. Food and beverages available.

Sept 25: [Eager: The Surprising, Secret Life of Beavers and Why They Matter](#), Ben Goldfarb **RSVP**

Nov 13: [The Backyard Bird Chronicles](#), Amy Tan



In *Eager*, environmental journalist Ben Goldfarb reveals that our modern idea of what a healthy landscape looks like and how it was affected by the fur trade that removed millions of beavers from North America's lakes and rivers. The consequences of losing beavers were profound: streams eroded, wetlands dried up, and species lost vital habitat. *Eager* is a powerful story about one of the most influential species, how North America was colonized, how our landscapes have changed over the centuries, and how beavers can help us fight drought, flooding, wildfire, extinction, and the ravages of climate change. Ultimately, it's about how we can learn to coexist, harmoniously and even beneficially, with our fellow travelers on this planet.

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## Summer Patrol Update

IPWA's summer patrollers have been working exceptionally hard this season.

We've cleared an astonishing **120 fire rings** (check out our [social media post](#)), completed over **340 patrols covering about 2,470 miles**, and worked hard to educate the public about stewardship,



best LNT principles, legal camping locations, and more! Our exciting new initiatives to help out our Forest Service partners are also going strong: we've completed nearly **30 bridge surveys** and we just began a new program to help with trail counter maintenance and data collection.



[Check Trail Conditions Here](#)

## Trailhead Projects

IPWA has completed three terrific trail work days this season!

We've done some fun heavy rock work in **James Peak Wilderness** and helped reroute the trail system in the **Brainard Lake Recreation Area**.





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## It isn't too early to start thinking about Winter Patrol!

Interested in winter patrols??

We need you! With the high volume of winter/spring visitation, we are always looking for more eyes on the trail and we want you to join us! If you are looking for more ways to get involved, this is a fun and educational way to help make a difference. You are not required to ski for this adventure, snowshoes work just fine.

**How do I learn more?** Please email us at [winter.ipwa@gmail.com](mailto:winter.ipwa@gmail.com) and let us know you are interested then look for our upcoming emails with additional details.

Returning winter volunteers will receive separate emails about their requirements, and we hope to see all your friendly faces again this 2025/2026 season!



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## 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\*\*](#)

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## Wondering How You Can Support the IPWA?

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