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IPWA Volunteers Welcome to our 2016 Annual Fund Raising Drive!

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OUR 2016 RESULTS - ONE OF OUR BEST YEARS YET!

Dear IPWA Volunteers:

2016 has been an exciting year! We've achieved quite a bit and could not have done it without your hours of volunteer support, along with the financial support of our volunteers and friends. *As we wrap up 2016, we would like to ask for your financial help to make 2017 an even better year in protecting the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas.*

However, let's first look at what we have accomplished this past year including:

- Contacting over 34,000 wilderness visitors via our **Wilderness Summer Patrol Program**,
- Educating two interns as part of our summer **Wilderness Ranger Internship Program**,
- Working with youth from TEENS Inc. as part of our **Wilderness Trail Projects Program**,
- Kicking off the third year of our **Wilderness Winter Patrol Program** on 11/21/16,
- Providing three Paddock/Gellhorn research grants as part of our **Wilderness Scholarship Program**,
- Increasing wilderness awareness and contacting more than 500 wilderness visitors via our **Wilderness Trail Head Host Program** (new in 2016!),
- Introducing our **Wilderness Information Specialist Program** to help manage preparing and distributing wilderness permits (also new in 2016!)
- Providing the public with trail information via our **Wilderness Trail Conditions** web site, and
- Increasing our **Wilderness Advocacy Program** by reaching out to close to 2,000 followers via social media.

THE NEED FOR OUR ORGANIZATION

We're looking to build on recent successes from this past year as we plan for our 2017 programs. The wilderness areas of the Colorado Front Range – and in particular the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas – are amongst the most heavily visited and utilized wilderness areas in the United States (within the top 5 wilderness areas of visitation in the entire country). By being only 45 minutes outside of Denver, and with the

Colorado population increasing by over 100,000 new inhabitants/year, these areas have been and will continue to face an ever increasing risk of degradation due to high levels of visitation.

As you know, the IPWA offers a unique service to our community, our volunteers, and our members as we are the only Colorado Front Range non-profit with a mission of focusing exclusively on preserving and protecting the magnificent Indian Peaks and James Peaks Wilderness Areas. We strongly believe in our core tenet that *'We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.'* As a result, our programs provide information and education on how to preserve and protect the Indian Peaks and James Peak Areas for future generations – leaving a legacy that others can cherish.

OUR 2017 PLANS

In 2017 we are planning on continuing our current programs, along with potentially introducing two new programs. Based on our preliminary budgetary estimates for our 2017 programs and associated expenses, we are looking to raise ~ \$15K via grants, pledges, and donations between now and the end of 2016 to help fund the following:

- **Wilderness Summer/Winter Patrol Programs** (includes uniforms, jackets, equipment rental, etc.)
- **Wilderness Ranger Internship Program** (includes stipends, housing, uniforms, books, etc.)
- **Wilderness Trail Project Program** (includes equipment, storage locker rental, radios, funding TEENS Inc., working with other partners such as WRV, Bryan Mountain Ski Patrol, Boy Scouts of America, etc.)
- **Wilderness Scholarship Program** (includes Paddon/Gellhorn research grants),
- **Wilderness Trail Head Host Program** (includes brochures, IPWA handouts, maps, etc.)
- **Wilderness Docent Program - new in 2017!** (Includes training programs, books, materials, etc.),
- **Wilderness Trail Conditions web site** (includes redesigning/updating our public facing web site),
- **Wilderness Ranger Staff Augmentation Program - new in 2017!** (Includes partnering with the USFS on staffing assistance in wilderness areas.

To help fund these programs next year, we have a number of different fund raising options that are detailed below.

VOLUNTEER FUND RAISING OPTIONS

Option 1: Help Enlist New "Friends of the IPWA"!

This year we have created a new *"Friends of the IPWA"* donor category. Our goal is to appeal to a

different segment of individuals who may not have the time to physically volunteer with our group, but have a passion for wilderness and would like to assist in providing additional funding for our great organization. For \$10.00 annually, IPWA Friends will receive (1) an IPWA sticker (2) a copy of our annual report, and (3) also receive our periodic newsletter.



Most importantly, IPWA Friends will receive the knowledge that their contribution is supporting our wilderness!

We have sent out a separate email campaign to our current non-volunteer list. We have also forwarded that email to you, so that you may forward it on to your friends who might be interested in supporting our organization.

Option 2: Sign up for holiday gift wrapping!

We will be holding our annual holiday gift wrapping at the Boulder Bookstore on Friday 12/23 and Saturday 12/24. This is always a fun event as last minute shoppers are thrilled to have our volunteers wrap their books, and they then happily donate to the IPWA! Be on the lookout for additional information on this event that we'll send out in the next few weeks.



Option 3: Donate \$100 and receive a set of notes cards as a "Thank you!"

For donations of \$100 or more (via check or PayPal) you will be sent a set of 12 note cards (two note cards of each image in this newsletter).

If you donate via PayPal, please include your address on the PayPal site when making the donation.

If you donate via a check, please send a check with your name and the 'ship to' address made out to:

Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance
PO Box 17382
Boulder CO 80308



Option 4: Double your contribution by donating \$500 or more!

This year an anonymous donor has offered to match donations of \$500 or more up to a total match of \$5K for donations received prior to the end of the year!

We're thrilled about this level of support to help meet our fund raising goals this year. It is a testament to the passion that we all have around preserving and protecting the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas!

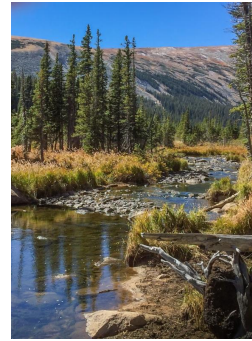
Simply donate via PayPal, or send a check directly to the IPWA.



Option 5: Donate via Employer Matching Funds!

We again have a "Gold Status" on GuideStar! For contributions to the IPWA, many employers offer matching donations. Use the link below to provide your employer with information on the IPWA.

[Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance on GuideStar](#)



Option 6: Include the IPWA in your Planned Giving!

Adding the IPWA to your will or estate plans is another option to assist our organization. We are fortunate this year to have a volunteer who has decided to name the Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance in his will and estate plans. As noted by our volunteer:

"I have included the IPWA in my will as a way to express my passion for IPWA's efforts to preserve and protect the James Peak and Indian Peaks Wilderness for future generations."



Thank you!

Again, thank you for the fantastic year! 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 rely on members, volunteers, local businesses, and grants for 100% of our funding needs. We are also a 100% managed volunteer organization with no paid staff positions. All funding we receive goes directly to our programs and operations. Any financial assistance is greatly appreciated!

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