



*Saving Wilderness.
Changing Lives.*

Welcome to our January 2020 Newsletter!

Keep It Wild!

IPWA News

Happy New Year! A Note From Our Board Chair

I hope you all enjoyed time with friends and family over the holidays and are looking forward to the coming year.

Since joining IPWA, I've been fortunate to learn a bit of Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness history from two of our organizations founders, Ann Vickery and Jan Robertson, and from other long standing IPWA members. How insightful, optimistic and unstoppable our Founders were in establishing the Indian Peaks Wilderness Working Group (now IPWA) back in April of 1985. And how far IPWA has come since its inception, thanks to the many dedicated volunteers along the way who shared that same appreciation of wild places.

That dedication and appreciation of wild places is clearly alive and well in you, our current volunteers, who spent your time in 2019 making IPWA's mission happen.

To our 2019 volunteers in the public space, patrolling the trails, helping visitors in the Boulder Ranger District, building new trails, removing fire rings or downed trees, helping with fundraising and more ...thank you. While there are too many names to mention, you are all awesome and I am so glad you are part of the IPWA.

To our 2019 "behind the scenes" volunteers who manage our IPWA programs and day to day operations... your contributions have been extraordinary.

2019 IPWA Executive Board:

Andy Gup (Vice Chair), Scott Oetting (outgoing Treasurer), Yonah Cohen (Secretary),
Daryl Ogden, Reghan Gillhan, CJ Gup, Tim Bickmore and Matt Currie

2019 IPWA Advisory Council:

Stuart Dodd, Matt Peck

2019 Program and Activity Leads:

Accounting - Mary Durham
Communications/Newsletter/Member Outreach - Reghan Gillman
Fundraising - Scott Oetting
Intern Coordinator - Stuart Dodd
Invasive Weeds - Stephen Meyers
Mentor Coordinator - Leslie Brodhead
Photo Contest - Daryl Ogden
Quarter Master - CJ Gup
Research Grants - Daryl Ogden
Trail Maintenance - Andy Gup and Bryon Lawrence
Trailhead Host - Tim Bickmore
Training Coordinator- Matt Currie
Teach The Teacher Program - Daryl Ogden
Volunteer Services - Yonah Cohen
Website Operations - Yonah Cohen and Deb Hopkins
Wilderness Information Specialists - Matt Oetting
Winter Patrols - Andy Gup

To our hard working and knowledgeable partners at the **US Forest Service Boulder
Ranger District**, much gratitude for all your help and guidance throughout the year:

Matt Henry
Jon Brooks
Matt Cowan
Mary Kalendovski
David Pechman

With the New Year upon us, the IPWA Board says a fond farewell to Board members stepping down (Scott Oetting, Tim Bickmore, Matt Currie) and welcomes our newest member, Fiona Garvin (Treasurer).

Looking forward to another great year working together with you and our US Forest Service Partners to preserve and protect our amazing Wilderness areas.

Sincerely,
Kelly Prendergast
IPWA Chair

Saying Goodbye to Michelle Lindsay



We are extremely saddened to share that one our volunteers, Michelle Lindsay, was

tragically killed in an avalanche last month.

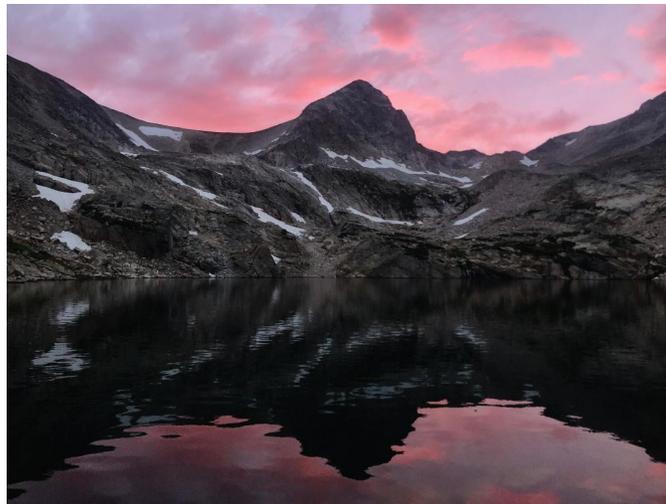
This past summer was Michelle's first season as an IPWA Volunteer, and it was clear that she was a natural. Even though she was only with the IPWA for a short time, she made a very positive impression on everyone she encountered. Her enthusiasm for wilderness, friendly smile, and helpful attitude will be greatly missed on the trail.

Her mentor, Leslie Brodhead, wrote a wonderful memorial piece to honor Michelle's memory:

In Memoriam - Michelle Lindsay

Michelle was also one of our photo contest winners with her beautiful photo titled "Sunset Light." We will be sure to think of her and honor her memory when we see a sunset in our beloved Indian Peaks Wilderness.

Our deepest sympathies go out to Michelle's family and friends during this difficult time.



Holiday Cheer in Abundance

Holiday cheer was in abundance at the Boulder Bookstore during the week of Christmas as IPWA Volunteers gift wrapped customer books and raised \$484! Shoppers were in great spirits sharing their book selections with us and wanting to know all about IPWA.



A big "Thank You" to our top notch IPWA wrapping crew:

Marian Bussey, Alexa Carollo, Maura Christoph, Yonah Cohen, Jerilyn Decoteau, Laura Freppel, Fiona Garvin, Paula Gipp, Cynthia Girand, Craig Glover, Sallie Greenwood, Emily Herrington, Catherine Lambert, Sarah Lavery, Brenda Longacre, Sandy MacDonnell, Margo MacDonnell, Rob Pudim, Donna Seaman, Zdenka

Smith, Janie Stuart, Katie Thran, and Diane Wild.



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

Winter Patrols Update

New Record! Many thanks to our hardy winter patrollers, we broke an IPWA record with 16 winter patrols so far including field day! We've also had fantastic coverage from up north at Camp Dick/Peaceful Valley to Brainard, Sourdough, Rainbow Lakes Road, Hessie, 4th of July road and of course down south at East Portal.
Great job, winter patrollers!

Trees: So far the IPWA has removed at least 14 hazard trees, including several fairly large ones, and several others are currently in the queue.

Head on up! We've had new reports of great ski/snowshoe conditions, so please sign on up and keep on patrollin'! By the way, if aren't a fan of football, Super Bowl Sunday (Feb 2nd) can be a great day to go play in the local mountains and not encounter large crowds.

[Check Winter Trail Conditions Here](#)



Ranger's Corner

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!

In 2020 the Boulder Ranger District, in cooperation with the [Society for Wilderness Stewardship](#), will begin Wilderness Character Monitoring in the Indian Peaks Wilderness and James Peak Wilderness. This first year we will be selecting monitoring indicators and measures and begin field monitoring.

So...what is a wilderness character?

Wilderness Character is a holistic concept based on the interaction of:

1. biophysical environments primarily free from modern human manipulation and impact,
2. personal experiences in natural environments generally free from the encumbrances and signs of modern society, and
3. symbolic meanings of humility, restraint, and interdependence that inspire human connection with nature.

Taken together, these tangible and intangible values define wilderness character and distinguish wilderness from other all lands.

There are 5 Qualities of Wilderness character: *Untrammeled, Natural, Undeveloped, Solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation, and other features or values.* [Click here](#) for a summary of the qualities, indicators, and example measures for Wilderness Character.

Question of the Month:

What is both the smallest and largest Wilderness in the National Wilderness Preservation system?

Be the first to respond with the correct answer to Jonathan.C.Brooks@USDA.Gov and receive a wilderness related prize. Prizes may be picked up at the Boulder Ranger District office.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 1st
Yoga, Mochas and Muffins
prAna Boulder
(More details to come)

Community Corner

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: **Precision Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Electrical**

A big thank you to **Precision Plumbing, Heating, Cooling & Electrical** for their generous donation to the IPWA! Each month, a Precision customer can nominate a local charity to receive a \$1,000 donation through their Precision Hugs program.



Wondering How You Can Support the IPWA?
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