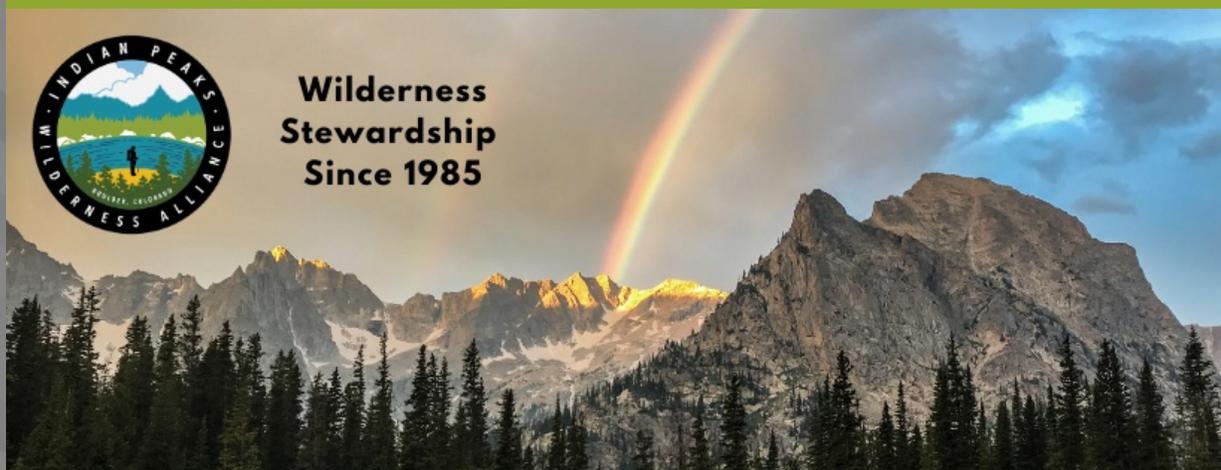




**Wilderness
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Since 1985**



November 2021 Newsletter

IPWA News

Colorado Gives Day

Mark your calendar! Colorado Gives day is **December 7th!**

This is the largest fundraising event of the year for the IPWA. As a 100% volunteer organization, we depend on generous donations to fund our many programs throughout the summer and winter seasons!

As always, thank you for your support! We couldn't do it without you!

Schedule Your Donation Here!

We'd also like to extend a big thank you to volunteers who helped us prepare our fundraising letters, holiday cards and notecard packets: Levi Reisinger, Catherine Lambert, Mary Johnson, Danny Dawidowski, Fiona Garvin, Daryl Ogden, Emily Herrington, and Kelly Prendergast.



2021 Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

It's that time of year again! In partnership with the **Boulder Book Store**, the IPWA will be hosting our annual gift wrapping fundraiser! This a helpful way to raise funds for our programs and is an excellent opportunity to spread the word about the IPWA in our community!

We need volunteers for the following shifts:

December 2nd @ 8:30 am - 9:30 am
December 9th @ 8:30 am - 9:30 am
December 15th @ 8:30 am - 9:30 am
December 20th @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
December 22nd @ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
December 24th @ 10:00 am - 12:30 pm and 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

All supplies are provided and masks are required for all volunteers, staff, and customers.

[Sign Up Here!](#)



IPWA Recruitment Announcement

Doing less patrolling but want to stay involved in Wilderness Stewardship? Want to get more involved in IPWA activities?

Join us behind the scenes on the IPWA Board or an IPWA committee!
Wondering "*Can I do it?*" Yes! We know you can - A year of mentoring is available for our open positions along with written policies and guidance.

Immediate 2022 Openings:

IPWA Board Chair (Board Officer Position - in training)

This position is a year to year term position with a 4 year maximum term.

Primary duties include:

- Plans and executes monthly IPWA Board meetings.
- Coordinates with IPWA program leads and committees to plan and execute annual training, patrolling and fundraising activities.
- Acts as main interface to other partner groups and public (e.g. Forest Service, WRV, CU BRAP, etc.).
- Leads effort to identify annual goals and objectives for IPWA.

Treasurer (Board Officer Position - in training)

This position is a year to year term.

- Works with Chair/Vice Chair to prepare annual budget for review and approval.
- Provides monthly financial record update to Board (income, expenses, assets, results vs budget, etc.).
- Manages financial activities.

Mentor Program Lead

This position is a year to year term.

- Coordinates, schedules and manages IPWA Mentoring activities.
- Works with the IPWA Summer Patrol Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator and Outreach Coordinator to recruit mentors and to pair new volunteers with a mentor.
- Organizes mentor training and 2 mentoring field days to give new volunteers hands-on training in patrolling
- Performs following-up during patrol season with the mentors/mentees to address questions/issues that arise.

If you are interested in learning more about any of these positions, please email us at

hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org

New on the Blog! ***"What the Duff?"***

In recent years, wildfires have become more frequent in Colorado and the West. Learn about an IPWA's first-hand experience spotting a smoldering campfire this summer!

Read More Here



Program Updates

Winter Patrol Season Now Underway!

Winter patrols are back!

We are excited to welcome **9 new** winter patrol volunteers and **8 returning** winter patrollers. There have already been a few small snow storms to help kick off the season.

In the winter, we work alongside Bryan Mountain Ski Patrol. We are proud to have patrollers who are qualified to work with public safety agencies, such as Rocky Mountain Rescue, that can provide an additional level of service to those who visit and enjoy the IPW and JPW twelve months a year.

As visitations have significantly increased in the Winter and Spring, our patrollers often encounter just as many people as you would in the summer.
Their service is much appreciated!

[Check Winter Trail Conditions Here](#)



Photo from the 2018 winter season.

2021 Research Grant Recaps

Since 1998, the Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance has awarded graduate and undergraduate research grants 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.

This summer, the IPWA awarded 2 alpine research grants. At the end of the season, recipients make a short video detailing their research. Watch below to learn more!

Scott Nordstrom (PhD Candidate,
University of Colorado)

***Do shading and soil moisture influence
flowering time in alpine wildflowers?***



Airy Peralta (PhD Candidate,
University of Colorado)

***Improving forecasting of pika
occupancy in Rocky Mountain National
Park using microclimatic
variables as predictors.***



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