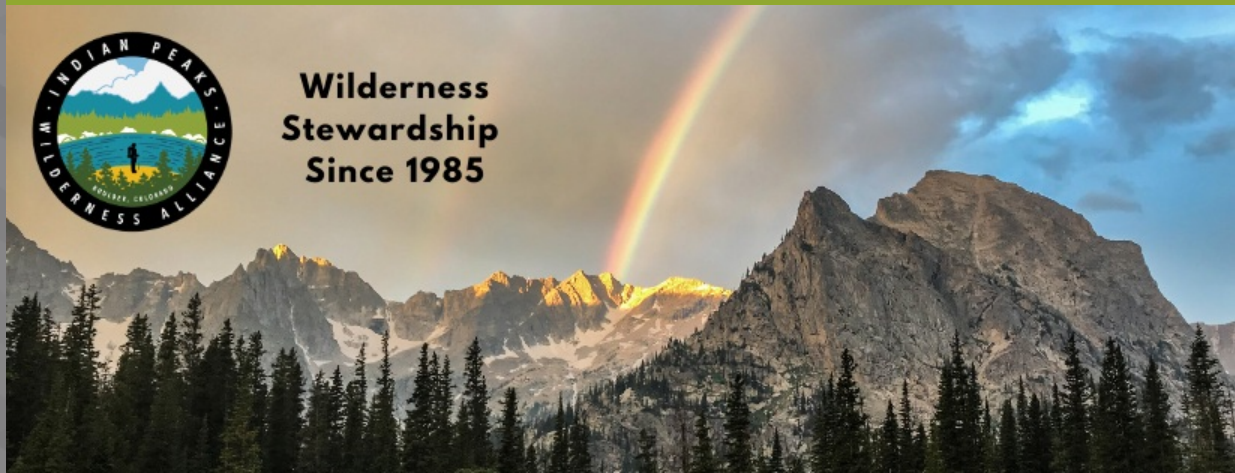




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## November 2023 Newsletter

# *IPWA News*

### **Announcing our 2023 Photo Contest Winners!**

We are very excited to announce the 2023 Photo Contest winners! Firstly, thank you to everyone who participated! We absolutely loved seeing the Indian Peaks Wilderness & the James Peak Wilderness through your eyes. We had a lot of wonderful submissions, but could only select a limited number of photos for the note cards.

We hope these photos act as a reminder of why the IPWA exists - to protect and preserve these beautiful wilderness areas for generations to come.

#### ***Photo Contest Winners:***

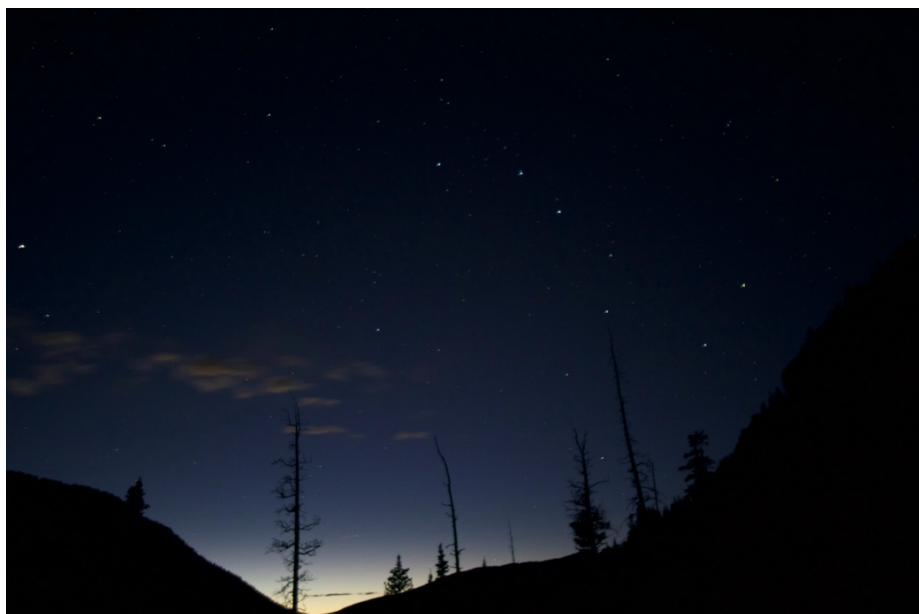
Alexander Meyer  
Bill Bowman  
Clint Dillard  
Dan Weprin  
Ellen Steiner  
Forest Hoff  
Iona Binnie  
Jeff Bluhm  
Jeff Sampson  
Luz Newton  
Nina Larsen Reed  
Steve Cushard  
Ian Houser (Holiday E-card)

Thank you again to everyone who participated in this fun event! Photo contest winners will receive a packet of the notecards.

P.S. If you make a donation to the IPWA of \$100 or more, you will receive a free gift of the Note Card Pack!

To view past photographs, check out our [Photo Contest webpage](#).

**View the Winning Photos  
Here!**



*Photo by Forest Hoff*

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## **2023 Volunteer Recognitions**

We wanted to take a moment to thank the IPWA volunteers who went above and beyond this past 2023 Summer Season and 2022-2023 Winter Season!

### **Super Volunteers: Summer 2023 Season**

These volunteers completed the most summer patrols and/or patrolled the most miles:

Danny Dawidowski (24 patrols, 199 miles)  
Janie Stuart (13 patrols)  
Patrick Lienen (13 patrols, 128 miles + special recognition for 56 fire pits removed!)  
Lincoln Gup (10 patrols)  
Andy Gup (10 patrols)  
Sara Raley (10 patrols, 82 miles)  
Erica Churgin (75 miles)  
Miriam Rosenblum (72 miles)

### **Super Volunteers: Winter 2022-2023 Season**

These volunteers completed the most winter patrols and/or patrolled the most miles:

Danny Dawidowski (20 patrols, 130.5 miles)  
Bob Lindsay (11 patrols, 75.5 miles)  
George Kasynski (10 patrols, 51.5 miles)

Thank you to all of our volunteers who put in miles and hours this season!

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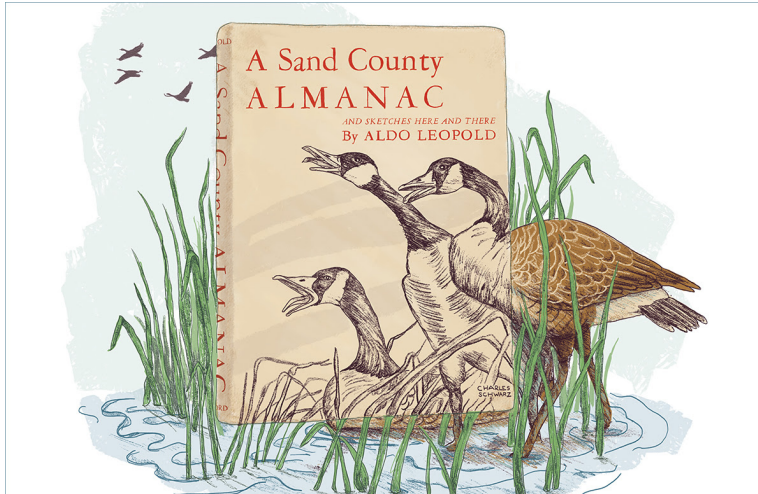
**IPWA Reading Group**

You're invited to participate in the IPWA Reading Group! The January meet up will take place on Thursday, January 25th.

The January selection is [A Sand County Almanac](#) by Aldo Leopold. First published in 1949 and praised in The New York Times Book Review as "a trenchant book, full of vigor and bite," this classic combines some of the finest nature writing with an outspoken and highly ethical regard for America's relationship to the land.

Join us in-person in Boulder on Thursday January 25th 3:30 pm - 5 pm for thoughtful discussion. This meetup is open to all IPWA volunteers, members, and friends. To secure your spot, kindly RSVP **by January 20th**.

[RSVP Here!](#)



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## Colorado Gives Day

Mark your calendar! Colorado Gives day is **December 5th!**

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!

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# *Program Updates*

## **2023 Research Grant Updates**

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 4 alpine research grants. At the end of the season, recipients make a short video detailing their research.

View each of their videos below!

Rising Air Temperature in the Alpine by Zachary Schwartz

Microplastics in the Colorado Front Range by Douglas Castro

Climate Change in Seed Bank of Alpine Wildflower by Alec Chiono

Lichens of the Indian Peaks Wilderness by Seth Raynor

## **Wilderness First Aid Training Recap**

This fall, the IPWA sponsored a Wilderness First Aid class through Front Range CPR. We had 14 volunteers attend the 16 hour training over the course of a weekend.

Wilderness First Aid teaches valuable emergency and preventative skills to add to our

efforts on the trails.

Thank you to all who attended, to Serge Goldberg for hosting the event and to Vince and Front Range CPR for the excellent training!



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