

Uniform Policy

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) requires that Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance (IPWA) volunteers wear the Forest Service (FS) uniform during all patrol activities. Along with the privilege of wearing the uniform comes the responsibility to wear it correctly. There are established policies for volunteer uniforms. Please review and follow these standards of dress so that you can be shown respect by the public during your patrols. At all times present a professional image.

The standard uniform consists of FS approved shirts, pants or shorts, and a Forest Service hat with insignia. Undershirts may be neutral in color and must be worn so they do not show beyond the sleeve of the shirt. Volunteer patches should be sewn on the right-hand sleeve equal distance from the shoulder, as is the Forest Service patch on the left sleeve.



Additional requirements

- **Uniform shirt** tucked into your pants/shorts.
- **IPWA provided official name tag** worn on or directly above the right-hand uniform pocket.
- **Hiking boots or closed-toed trail shoes only** (no tevas or sandals).
- **Hiking pants or shorts** made of quick drying material with belt in a neutral color that compliments the uniform (khaki, tan, brown, forest/dark green). If you wear shorts, you must carry long pants in the event the weather changes.
- **Wearing a hat**
 - Baseball cap style hats and/or wide brim hats with the FS/IPWA logo may be available for discounted purchase at training day.
 - Any non-FS hat must be logo-free (or have an approved FS patch) and be in a neutral color that compliments the uniform (khaki, tan, brown, forest/dark green) with a maximum 4-inch brim.
- **IPWA official rain jacket** with FS volunteer patches for use in wet/rainy conditions.
- **Non-FS weather protection clothing:** Non-FS weather-protection clothing for rain, snow and cold (undershirt, vest, fleece, puffy jacket, gaiters, etc.) may be worn together with regulation uniform shirt, jacket and pants, when conditions warrant and to assure your personal safety.