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March 2025 Newsletter

IPWA News

Honoring Stuart Dodd: A Legacy of Wilderness Stewardship

It's with great sadness that we share that Stuart Dodd, a former IPWA chair and champion of wilderness, passed away on Friday, 2/2/2025. Stuart will always be remembered for his genuine smile, the twinkle in his eye, and his kind, uplifting spirit. He truly loved Wilderness and worked tirelessly with the IPWA, the USFS Boulder Ranger District, USFS Regional 2 Office, the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance, and many local preservation coalitions to advocate for the protection of Wilderness, especially the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas.

As IPWA's Board Chair for many years, Stuart helped to mature and grow IPWA's mission for over a decade. Stuart was instrumental in fundamentally transforming the IPWA. He helped to establish multiple programs, including trailhead hosts, trail maintenance, the mentor program, winter patrols, and more. He and his wife Deb Hopkins hosted many summer picnics and generously donated much of their time to supporting IPWA's programs and volunteers. Stuart liked to be sure IPWA's Board members didn't miss a good book on Wilderness and was known to purchase books for the entire Board at Christmas. He continues to live on through all of us who love Wilderness.

"Let the wilderness draw you hither on life's journey. The sweet clarity

of mind is found in the deep roots of the wilderness."

We'll miss you, dear friend.



Wilderness: Now More Than Ever

As you've probably heard, our US Forest Service partners are going to need our help this year more than ever. It's going to take all of us to protect our Wilderness Areas, so if you're not already a volunteer, please go to indianpeakswilderness.org and click "Become a Volunteer" or "Donate".

If you're already signed up—thank you! Your support is critical, and we encourage you to invite friends to join. We also know many of you have questions about the Boulder Ranger District. Right now, our USFS partners have asked for patience as they work through everything.

IPWA at Nurture The Land Recap

The Outreach and Education Committee participated in the Colorado Mountain Club's *Nurture the Land* event at the Dairy Arts Center. It was a fun and inspiring evening with ~150 community members. Sara's presentation communicated a deep appreciation of our beloved Wildernesses, the importance of stewardship, and a feeling of empowerment to get involved. Janie, Mike, and Cynthia spoke with dozens of people before and after the event, sharing information about trails, permits, and joining IPWA.

Watch Sara's presentation [here](#) or click the button below! We have more exciting events scheduled for this year!

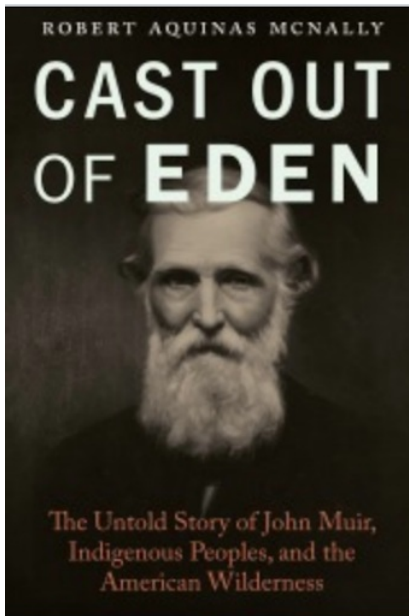


IPWA Presentation

Reading Group

3:30 pm, Rayback Collective, Boulder

Please join us to discuss books about wilderness, nature, and conservation. All are welcome. Come and share your reflections and experiences. Beverages and food available at Rayback and the food trucks.



“John Muir is widely and rightly lauded as the nature mystic who added wilderness to the United States’ vision of itself, largely through the system of national parks and wild areas his writings and public advocacy helped create. That vision, however, came at a cost: the conquest and dispossession of the tribal peoples who had inhabited and managed those same lands...”

Expert Tips: Navigating IPW Permits with Ease

Planning a trip to Indian Peaks Wilderness? Check out our new “How-To” video for a step-by-step guide on IPW regulations and the permit purchasing process through Recreation.gov—especially helpful for first-time visitors!

While permits became available on March 4th, this video can still be a great resource for those who haven't secured theirs yet. Feel free to share with fellow adventurers!

Watch the video here:

[Permit Purchasing Guide](#)

Hey, Volunteers!

Ever wonder how IPWA is managed?
Have questions or comments for the IPWA Board?

We'd like to invite all current volunteers (as-of Summer 2024) to attend our monthly virtual IPWA Board of Directors meetings, typically held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Your presence and participation is encouraged to help increase volunteer engagement and understanding of our organization!

Head over to the IPWA Volunteer Portal for additional information on how to participate.

Program Updates

Winter Patrol Updates

Big Thanks to Ward Fire Department! We appreciate the Ward Fire Department for hosting a winter patrol radio cache. A special shoutout to Pam H. for making this happen!

East Portal Restroom Update: Restrooms at the East Portal trailhead will remain unavailable until temperatures warm up enough for servicing. Plan accordingly!

Brainard Winter Parking Fee Reminder: If you're heading to Brainard this winter, note that the parking fee for the winter lot is \$10.

Patrol Stats:

- Most Patrols: Conrad Lattes – 15
- Bryon Lawrence – 7
- Cynthia Girand & Andy Gup – 6 each
- Most Miles Covered: Conrad Lattes with an impressive 109 miles!
- Trees Cleared: 27 – Huge thanks to Andy, Craig, Dan, Cynthia, and John for keeping the trails clear!

Final Winter Patrol Training: Spring training for winter patrollers is on April 16th—this will be the last training session of the season. Winter patrollers will be covering trails up until Summer training day when summer patrols will take the baton.



[Check Winter Trail Conditions Here](#)

Join the Sawyer Team – Help Keep Trails Clear!

Calling all returning volunteers! We're looking for individuals interested in joining our tree-cutting (sawyer) team. Certification involves a combination of online training and a one-day, in-person session. Final training dates are TBD but will likely be in late May or early June.

To register or learn more, email winter.ipwa@gmail.com.

Get CPR Certified – Free or Low-Cost Training Available!

Boulder Rural Fire is offering free CPR training for Boulder Rural residents and \$25 training for non-residents. This AHA Friends and Family CPR course is a great opportunity for both current and new volunteers to gain a valuable certification.

Training Dates (All sessions run from 5:30–7:30 PM):

- Tuesday, March 12
- Tuesday, May 21
- Tuesday, July 9 (Board meeting date)
- Tuesday, September 10

Location: Boulder Rural Fire Station, 6230 Lookout Rd, Boulder, CO 80301
Immediate CPR can double or triple the chances of survival after cardiac arrest.
Take this simple step to be prepared for an emergency!
For more details, visit www.brfr.org, call (303) 530-9575, or scan the QR code to sign up.



Wondering How You Can Support the IPWA?

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