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## Notes from the Board

### IPWA Members & Friends of the Indian Peaks/James Peak Wilderness Areas

Welcome to our January newsletter (on the very last day of the month)!

We're gearing up for another fantastic year and a number of new programs are in the works. While we'll be continuing with our Wilderness Patrols, Scholarship, and Internship Programs, we're in the early stages of planning for:

- \* Wilderness Volunteers to help staff the USFS desk during the summer months to help with wilderness permits, along with educating visitors on the IP/JP Wilderness areas,
- \* Extended Wilderness Trail Projects to help clear a backlog of deferred maintenance items, and
- \* Wilderness Trail Head Hosts to help 'greet' visitors to the wilderness at some of the trail heads outside of the Brainard Lake Recreation Area (e.g. Hessie, East Portal, etc).

As always, we'll keep you posted on our progress. So, thank you for your help and...

**Keep it wild!**

## End of 2015 Fund Raising. A Huge Success!

### Thank you for your support!

We had a very successful end of 2015 fund raising and thank you for all of your support! We were able to raise funds for the first time through PayPal, and also received donations from Network for Good and other on-line fund raising vehicles. However, without a doubt the most fun is wrapping gifts at the Boulder Book Store for donations. This year we raised over \$500 as a result of our gift wrapping efforts (and a huge THANK YOU to the Boulder Book Store for allowing us to use their wonderful store and providing supplies)!

*IPWA volunteers Rob Pudim and Donna Seaman @ Boulder Book store gift wrapping!*



## Wilderness Winter Patrols

**Winter patrols going strong!**

Our winter patrols are off to a great start! We have been doing a number of patrols (primarily in the Brainard Lake Recreation Area) and so far they have been a great success. We are seeing anywhere between 150-200 people while on patrols during some of the busier weekends. Furthermore, we are also reporting on conditions so that members of the public can go to our web site and click on 'winter trail conditions' to get an update from our most recent hikes. Interestingly enough, last weekend one of our patrollers discovered a smoldering downed 50' pine tree that must have been struck by lightning! They were able to call in the Ned fire department who came in on snowmobiles to ensure that the fire was completely out.



*A big thank you to our IPWA Vice Chair - Andy Gup - for driving this program forward and making it a success (and who is pictured here on a very chilly day up at Brainard!)*

## CU Volunteer Fair Day

### Participating in the CU Volunteer Partner Fair

This month we attended the CU Volunteer Partner Fair and had a great turnout. We met with students from CU who were interested in learning about what we do as a volunteer organization. We had a number of great discussions with the students and will hopefully have some join our group for the summer 2016 hiking season!

*IPWA Board Secretary Sarah McNamara at the CU Volunteer Fair showing off our new Indian Peaks poster. Sarah also heads up our social media program so those following the IPWA on Instagram - you can thank Sarah for all of her hard work!*

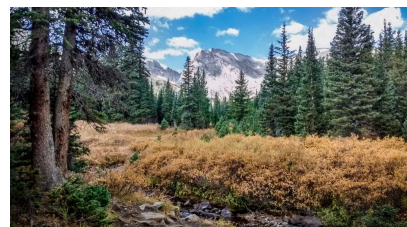


## You can still donate!

### For all of those donating \$100 or more to the IPWA

We have a few sets of cards left from our very successful IPWA Volunteer Photo Contest! Individuals donating \$100 or more to the IPWA will receive a set of 12 note cards (there will be two note cards for each image below). If you would like a set of these cards, please send a check with your name and "ship to" address made out to:

Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance  
PO Box 17382  
Boulder, CO 80308





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**Thank you!**

**We're going to have a great year!**

We're excited about 2016 and are looking forward to a fantastic year. As always, reach out to us with any questions, comments, or thoughts on how we can make our organization an even better one!

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