



Summer 2025 Wrap Up

Hey IPWA! What a season! This edition includes:

- Awards
- Season summary & stats
- Got feedback? We want it!
- Final kudos of the season

Awards

As we announced at the end-of-season gathering, here are the awards for the 2025 summer season!

Most Service Activities:

Mike Hacker (28), Miriam Rosenblum (21), Janie Stuart (16), Charles Visser (15), Cynthia Girand (14)

Most Miles:

Mike Hacker (260), Miriam Rosenblum (180), Mark Mehos (96), Charles Visser (91), Paul Lajeunesse (82)

Most Fire Rings:

Mike Hacker (16), Miriam Rosenblum (15), Patrick Lienin (11), Paul Lajeunesse (10), Amy Freeman (10)

Most THH Shifts:

Rob Pudim (11), Fiona Garvin (5), Janie Stuart (4), John Vogt (4), Laura Frepple (4), Maura Christoph (4), Renee Grim (4), Ainsley Medina (4)

TWTHHSP*

Cynthia Girand

*The volunteer who completed trail work, trailhead hosting, sawyer-ing, and patrols!

Reports that made us laugh

JB's "1 parrot or some kind of pet bird."

Rob Pudim's "All the dogs and a cat were on leash."

Next year, look forward to an award for most service activities in the James Peak Wilderness!

We put up several posters at the end-of-season gathering with memorable moments from patrol and trailhead host reports. We read each and every report, and we want to thank you for putting the time and effort into writing them.



Community and tie-dye at the end-of-season gathering

What a Fantastic Season!

We are so appreciative of all the hard work and positive energy everyone put into making this one of the best seasons we've ever had. To try to summarize how special this season was, this year IPWA:

- Welcomed our largest-ever class of new volunteers, which was made possible by those of you who stepped up to be mentors.
- Completed 36% more service activities (including 66% more trailhead host shifts!), and cleared 49% more fire rings, compared with last year.
- Piloted very cool data collection initiatives that will help the Forest Service track key use trends and maintenance needs over time.
- Conducted stellar outreach programs, including hikes with Women's Wilderness, REI tabling events, partnering with the Forest Service at the Farmer's Market, and our book club.
- Completed four extremely successful (and fun!) trail work days, continued our sawyer work, and helped with Canada Thistle eradication.
- Had a terrific turnout at both training day and the end-of-season gathering.

- And more!

Feedback for Next Summer

We are already hard at work to make next summer even better. We're brainstorming opportunities to foster more communication and collaboration and processes to smooth out the parking at Brainard.

We'd love to hear any ideas you might have to keep our momentum going!

[Submit Feedback Here!](#)

Last Round of Kudos!

Shoutout to the folks who continued volunteering right until the very end!

- Jessica Feld, who submitted fabulous pictures of a pine martin with a fish
- Mark Mehos, who provided much-needed moose safety tips
- Dan Weprin & Craig Twadell, who gave advice to a family with a small child
- David Stringfield, who got into a brook trout spawning discussion
- Lincoln Gup, who helped backpackers disassemble a fire ring they'd built at Crater Lake
- Ainsley Medina, Yonah Cohen, and Dan Pedry, who eradicated pesky Canada Thistle
- And many more!



Till next year, summer volunteers!

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