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## IPWA COVID-19 Update

Dear Volunteers,

As you know, on March 19th, 2020, due to the impacts of COVID-19, the USFS Boulder Ranger District suspended all volunteer patrol activities until further notice. This notice applied to the following IPWA programs and activities, which have all been suspended:

- Winter Patrols
- Summer Patrols
- Trailhead Host
- Trail Maintenance
- Wilderness Information Specialists
- New Volunteer Mentoring
- Wilderness Ranger Summer Interns

Given the uncertainty of the situation, the Board also made the decision to not bring on new volunteers for the 2020 season.

Since then, the IPWA Board has continued to meet virtually and has been periodically checking in with our FS Liason, Jonathan Brooks, to get the latest status.

**While no decision has been made yet regarding lifting or continuing the suspension**, Jonathan and his team have completed and submitted the requisite documentation needed for a decision by the Boulder District Ranger. The documents submitted take into account what the City of Boulder and Boulder County Land Managers are doing in regards to volunteers.

These document include:

- Volunteer Services Risk Assessment
- COVID-19 Volunteer Standard Operating Procedure
- Updated Job Hazard Analysis document
- Updated Volunteer Service Agreement

**A FS decision is expected sometime in the next couple weeks, however no date is specified.**

In the meantime, the IPWA Board and Program Leads will continue to assess changes as they become known so we can effectively respond in the best interest of our volunteers and our mission.

We will keep you posted as more is known, and we encourage you to continue to follow [CDC precautions](#), get outdoors, stay active and enjoy each day!

Sincerely,  
The IPWA Board



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