

June 2023 Newsletter



Upper Trailhead Parking Lots Delayed Opening

Upper parking lots at Brainard will have a delayed opening date due to snow and trail conditions. Rangers will reassess the trails next week. As of now the upper parking lots will remain closed through July 6th.

While people may continue to access upper trailheads via the main Brainard area, it is important that visitors be prepared for snow and ice, with proper gear and good way-finding skills. Unprecedented snowpack this year is creating large snow drifts and hazard trees that impact trails and create unsafe conditions for visitors. Opening before proper conditions are met could also lead to resource damage in a highly fragile ecosystem.

Training Day Recap

Despite the short rainstorm, our 2023 Training Day was a success! We welcomed 10 new volunteers to the IPWA and are excited to see them on the trails this summer!

A big thank you to our Training Team, the Boulder Ranger District, mentors, and returning volunteers for making this day come together:

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Program Updates

Summer Patrols Update

We are starting the season off strong with over 40 patrols completed so far!

Mostly reports of wet and muddy trails as we move into the start of summer, with various levels of snow still lingering above 10,000 feet. Be prepared!

Check Summer Trail Conditions Here!



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