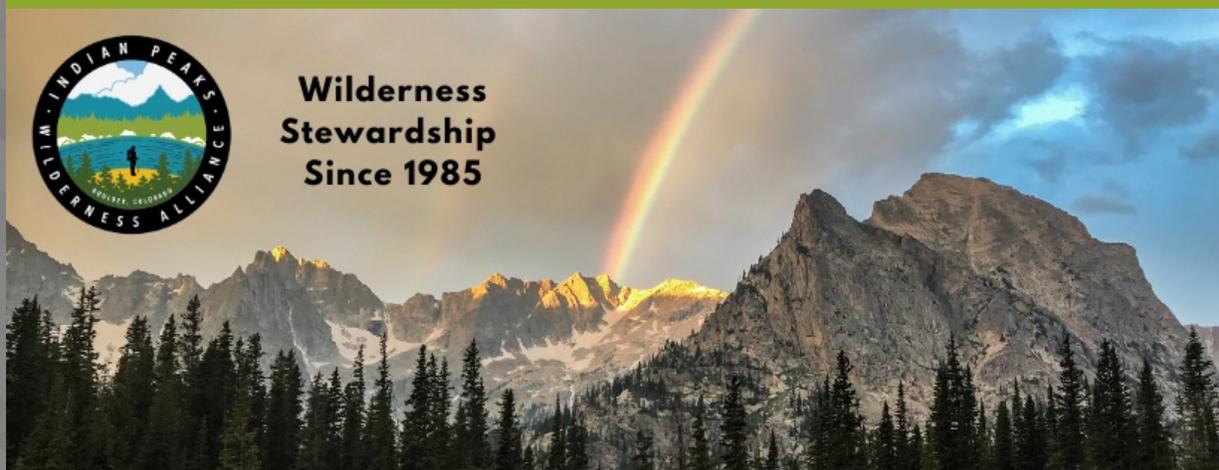




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## August 2022 Newsletter

# *IPWA News*

### IPWA Potluck

A reminder that our IPWA Potluck is coming up next month! Please RSVP no later than September 10th so we can be sure to have enough food. (**Note:** You will need to RSVP on the Evite invitation, which was emailed to volunteers on August 9th. A follow up Evite email will be sent next week.)

**When:** Saturday, September 24th from 4 PM - 6:30 PM

**Where:** Betasso Preserve, Boulder, CO 80302

#### **What's Provided:**

- Lulu's BBQ (jackfruit for vegan/vegetarian)
- Water, sparkling water, iced tea
- Plates, utensils, napkins
- Picnic tables

#### **What To Bring:**

- A side dish to share (please check the invitation to see what is already being provided)
- Your favorite beverage
- An extra chair
- A plus one guest is also welcome

### Reminder: Photo Contest in September

Don't put your cameras away yet! Each September we open submissions for the Annual Photo Contest. Winners will have their photos included in our 2022 Notecard Pack, which

we sell as a fundraiser for the IPWA.

***More information about submitting photos to come in September!***



*Photo by Bill Bowman.*

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## **Thank You, Volunteers!**

We want to give a big thank you to our wonderful volunteers who assisted the Boulder Ranger District with a special project on the Arapaho Pass Trail! A working crew of horses transported supplies from the Fourth of July Trailhead to seal a recently-exposed mine shaft. Volunteers staffed locations along the trail to stop and educate hiker traffic when the horses were in route.

Located above timberline as a silver vein in 1872, the Fourth of July Mine was never rich enough to be profitable. Around the turn of the 20th century, the mine was renewed in search of copper. Historical records show that the main shaft was once 300 feet deep. In 2018, the USDA Forest Service worked with partners to close a long, connected adit. The current shaft, which was believed to be the primary entrance to the mine, was caved in until recently.

The Forest has had a public closure order in place since the new opening was discovered in 2021. Environmental analysis determined the mine is free of water and acid drainage, and that the shaft is not suitable bat habitat.

**Learn more about this project**



# Program Updates

## Annual BLRA Tree Sweep



We are looking for volunteers to help our sawyer team with the pre-winter tree removal sweep of the Brainard Lake Recreation Area trails on **Saturday, September 24th**. It's a fun, easy day where we split into groups and sweep eastward from the upper parking lots to prep the trails for winter usage.

If you are interested, please email [hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org](mailto:hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org).

Thank you!

## Winter Patrol Training

Mark your calendars! Winter Patrol training is **Saturday, November 12th**.

Curious about winter patrols? The winter patrol season is almost twice as long as the summer patrol season. Winter patrols begin in mid-November and run right up to summer training day in June. Early winter patrols help keep the common ski/snowshoe routes clear and spring patrols provide critical trail reports for trail projects, snow levels, tree blowdowns and more. We need your help!

If you are interested in joining our Winter Patrol team, please send an email Andy Gup at [agup2001@msn.com](mailto:agup2001@msn.com) expressing your interest. We would love to have you!

Volunteer communication will be going out next week with more information, so please look for the email!



## Trailhead Host Program

Thanks to our August 20th Trailhead Host volunteers for staffing the IPWA info table at the East Portal/James Peak Area. We had over 290 visitors during the event, including the owners of the Louisville based BearVault Company who stopped by to introduce themselves. We enticed some visitors to take our BearVault Canister opening challenge who were then rewarded with the treats inside.

We also enjoyed catching up with 8 IPWA Volunteers who patrolled the Forest Lakes and Crater Lakes Trail that day. Special thanks to Alex Hall for organizing the patrol groups for the day.



*Photos provided by Kelly Prendergast.*

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## Summer Trail Conditions

[Check Summer Trail Conditions Here](#)



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