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## December 2022 Newsletter

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# IPWA News

## Thank You for Supporting the IPWA on Colorado Gives Day!

A big thank you to everyone who has donated to the IPWA this year! As a 100% volunteer organization, we depend on generous donations to fund our many programs throughout the summer and winter seasons!

As always, thank you for your support! We couldn't do it without you!

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## 2022 Volunteer Recognitions

We wanted to take a moment to thank the volunteers who went above and beyond this 2022 season!

### Super Volunteers: Summer

These are volunteers who completed 20+ summer patrols, and/or 100+ summer patrol hours, and/or patrolled 100+ summer patrol miles, and/or removed the most fire rings.

Bob Lindsay  
Danny Dawidowski  
Richard Giuliani  
Patrick Lienin  
Sara Raley  
Iona Binnie  
Andy Gup

### Honorable Mentions: Summer

These are volunteers who completed 10-19 summer patrols, and/or completed 50-99 summer patrol hours, and/or who patrolled 50-99 summer patrol miles, and/or removed 5-10 fire rings.

Janie Stuart  
Tom Dozier  
Fiona Garvin  
George Kasynski  
Serge Goldberg  
Lincoln Gup  
Erica Churgin  
Dan Weprin  
Andrew Sewell  
Gregory Sakowicz  
John Reed  
Mike Spratt  
Reed Weimer  
Alexandra Hall  
Jocelyn Sweeney

### Super Volunteers: Winter

These are volunteers who have completed 20+ winter patrols, and/or completed 100+ winter patrol hours, and/or patrolled 100+ winter patrol miles.

Danny Dawidowski  
Bob Lindsay  
Andy Gup

### Honorable Mentions: Winter

These are volunteers who have completed 10-19 winter patrols, and/or 50-99 winter patrol hours, and/or patrolled 50-99 winter patrol miles.

Lincoln Gup  
Byron Lawrence

Thank you to all of our volunteers who put in the miles and hours this season!

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## Thank You, Gift Wrappers!

A big thank you to our IPWA volunteers who gift wrapped at our annual fundraiser with the Boulder Book Store! We appreciate you taking time out of your busy holiday season to help raise funds for the IPWA!

Emily Herrington  
Danny Dawidowski  
Margo MacDonnell  
Zdenka Smith  
Janie Stuart  
Fiona Garvin  
George Kasynski  
Laura Freppel  
Alexa Carollo  
Rob Pudim  
Marian Bussey  
Paula Gipp  
Catherine Lambert  
Bette Erickson  
Susan Kampe



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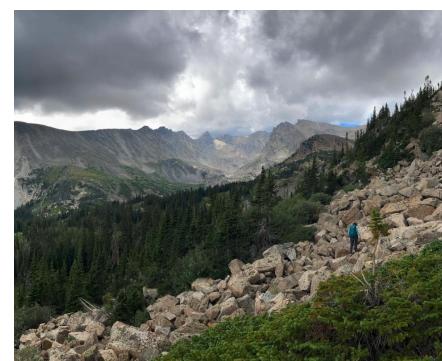
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## Past Paddon/Gellhorn Wilderness Research Grant Recipient Published!

Ashley Whipple, a recipient of our research grant in 2017, has two publications whose research was supported in part by this grant. Both papers seek to understand whether stress-associated hormone levels could be employed to assess habitat quality for American pikas. Congratulations, Ashley!

You can read the publications below:

- A. L. Whipple, C. Ray, M. Wasser, J. N. Kitchens, A. A. Hove, J. Varner, J. L. Wilkening (2021) [Temporal vs. spatial variation in stress-associated metabolites within a population of climate-sensitive small mammals](#), Conservation Physiology, 9:1, coab024, <https://doi.org/10.1093/conphys/coab024>
- A. L. Whipple, C. Ray, J. Varner, J. N. Kitchens, A.A. Hove, J. A. Castillo Vardaro & J. L. Wilkening (2022) [Stress-associated metabolites vary with both season and habitat across populations of a climate sentinel species](#), Arctic, Antarctic, and Alpine Research, 54:1, 603-623, DOI: 10.1080/15230430.2022.2146633



*Photos provided by Joel Maes (left) and Elliot Martin (right).*

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## Eldora's "Play Forever" Donation Match Challenge!

We have exciting news!

**Eldora** has announced its third annual [Play Forever Donation Match Challenge](#), a month-long fundraiser to support two Colorado-based organizations, the Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance and the [Native American Rights Fund](#), who work to protect and advocate for land, people, and communities.

**Between December 15, 2022, and January 15, 2023, Eldora will match every dollar donated to the Eldora Play Forever philanthropic fund up to \$10,000.** All funds raised during this period will be shared equally between the Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance and the Native American Rights Fund.

"We are so proud to be able to support these two incredible nonprofits," says Hunter Wright, Eldora's director of sustainability and project development. "The Native American Rights Fund fights for justice for Native Americans in Colorado and beyond, and the Indian Peaks Wilderness Alliance works to protect the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness Areas adjacent to Eldora, which sit upon the ancestral lands of the Ute, Cheyenne, and Arapahoe people."

### How to Donate:

All donations are tax-deductible and those received between December 15, 2022, and January 15, 2023 will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000. Donations should be made directly to the [\*\*Eldora Play Forever Fund\*\*](#), a philanthropic fund administered for Eldora by Community Foundation Boulder County.

### Thank You!

We want to give a big thank you to Eldora for selecting the IPWA to be a recipient of this year's challenge. As neighboring recreation areas, we understand the importance of working together to protect these beautiful areas for generations to come.

Lastly, a big thank you to everyone who continues to support the IPWA and our mission! Any sized donation is greatly appreciated. We couldn't do it without you!

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## Program Updates

### Winter Patrol Training Recap

We had a great field training day up at Brainard Lake Recreation Area on Saturday Dec. 10th! The IPWA welcomed 10 new winter patrollers with the help of 11 returning winter volunteers. They practiced radio protocols and ran through scenarios in the field with the help of some great pretend victims, thanks Brian and Danny!

Bryon Mountain Ski Patrol was also out with their new recruits and we were lucky to practice some inter-agency communication. Every winter IPWA works closely with Bryon Mountain Ski Patrol and Boulder Mountain Bike Alliance, so it was great to coordinate a training day with our friends. We look forward to seeing them in the field this winter.

Huge thank you to Andy Gup, IPWA's lead winter patrol coordinator, Emily Herrington and Peter Fellenz the assistant coordinators for preparing our winter patrollers for this season!

IPWA winter patrols run from late November right to our summer patrol training day in June. They provide important information to the Forest Service and help to create a year-round presence and resource in our wilderness areas. They also manage to have some fun too!

We look forward to a great winter season with our new patrollers. Thank you all for your continued effort, your presence makes a difference!

### Check Trail Conditions Here



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