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## April 2022 Newsletter

# IPWA News

## IPWA Recruitment Announcement

Calling all IPWA volunteers! We currently have several key administrative positions that must be filled this year. The openings below are key to the health and operations of the IPWA, so we hope you will consider stepping up for one of the positions below.

Wondering "*Can I do it?*" Yes! We know you can! A year or more of mentoring is available for open positions along with written policies and guidance. Both past and current IPWA volunteers are eligible to apply.

### ***Immediate 2022 Board Openings:***

#### **IPWA Board Chair (Board Officer Position)**

This position is a year to year term position.

Primary duties include:

- Plans and executes monthly IPWA Board meetings.
- Coordinates with the IPWA program leads and committees to plan and execute annual training, patrolling and fundraising activities.
- Acts as main interface to other partner groups and public (e.g. Forest Service, WRV, CU BRAP, etc.).
- Leads effort to identify annual goals and objectives for IPWA.

#### **Treasurer (Board Officer Position)**

This position is a year to year term.

Primary duties include:

- Works with Chair/Vice Chair to prepare annual budget for review and approval.
- Provides monthly financial record update to Board (income, expenses, assets, results vs budget, etc.).

- Manages financial activities.

### Fundraising Committee Lead

This position is a year to year term.

Primary duties include:

- Coordinates and assists Fundraising Committee members in completing the IPWA's 3 main fundraising activities: grant proposals, Boulder Bookstore gift wrapping, and the annual fundraising letter.
- Provides related status to IPWA Board via Vice Chair

### Summer Patrol Coordinator Assistant

This position is a year to year term.

Primary duties include:

- Assists the IPWA Summer Patrol Coordinator in managing summer patrol activities during the busy summer months.
- Escalating active violations reported in patrol reports in a timely way so that the BRD staff can address them while it's still possible.
- Answer or assist in obtaining answers to volunteer questions that are added to patrol reports.
- Ensure trail condition data provided to the public meets the Forest Service guidelines.
- Help identify wilderness trails that are under-patrolled so the IPWA can provide the best possible coverage during the season.
- Help identify special acts of service performed by volunteers in the field so they can be recognized.

**To learn more about any of these positions, please email us [hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org](mailto:hikers@indianpeakswilderness.org).**

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# Program Updates

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## 2022 Trail Projects



Mark your calendars! We have several trail maintenance trips planned for this summer and early fall:

- **Saturday, July 23:** Crater Lakes Trail
- **Saturday, August 27:** East Portal/South Boulder Creek Trail
- **Tuesday, September 6 to Friday, September 9:** RMC Project
- **Monday, September 12 to Friday, September 16:** RMC Project
- **Saturday, September 24:** Brainard Lake Tree Clearing Trip

We will be cleaning and improving drainage on



these highly visited trails.

More information will be available as these dates approach. We look forward to seeing you on these trips!

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## 2022 Paddon/Gellhorn Wilderness Research Grant Recipients Selected!

The IPWA is excited to announce our 2021 Research Grant recipients!

Since 1998, the IPWA has awarded graduate and undergraduate research grants with a focus on ecological impacts in alpine and sub-alpine environments. The research topics provide a better understanding of the ecology of Colorado high country. These grants honor David Paddon and Joyce Gellhorn.

Note: We have 2 returning recipients, Airy Peralta and Scott Nordstrom. We are excited to help them continue their research projects this summer!



### Airy Peralta

PhD Candidate, University of Colorado

Project Title:

***“Improving forecasting of pika occupancy in Rocky Mountain National Park using microclimatic variables as predictors.”***

Airy will continue her work on habitat requirements for pika survival by developing a model to predict summer micro-temperatures in rock talus to understand how this variable changes with topographic and environmental variables at larger scales. This project will help provide information on how pika and other species using the same habitat will be impacted by



### Scott Nordstrom

PhD Candidate, University of Colorado

Project Title:

***“Do shading and soil moisture influence flowering time in alpine wildflowers?”***

Scott will continue his research on environmentally driven variation in flowering time and its consequences for number of seeds produced. He will study how sunlight within the subalpine meadow systems influences the timing of reproduction of a meadow flower. Specifically, he wants to know if variation in sunlight and timing of flowering are associated with seed production.

climatic changes.



**Sáde Cromratie Clemons**  
PhD Candidate, University of Colorado

Project Title:

**"Flood response of forested landscape and how the response affects the carbon cycle in mountainous regions."**

The objective of Sáde's research is to study the forested landscape's response to flooding and how this response affects the carbon cycle in mountainous sub-alpine and montane regions.

[Learn more about the Paddon/Gellhorn Research Grant](#)

## Winter Patrols Update

We are well into our spring patrolling now! We have reached 100 patrols this season and still going strong. Currently there is still a lot of snow up in the high country but the warmer weather is coming soon. Spring time patrols are critical for collecting information about trail conditions and keeping trails accessible for you!

**Spring Hiking Tip:** If you are out hiking this spring, please get muddy! Staying on the trail, even in runoff conditions, helps maintain trail integrity and prevents erosion.

[Check Winter Trail Conditions Here!](#)



*Photos provided by Leslie Brodhead (left) and Kelly Prendergast (right).*

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## Wondering How You Can Support the IPWA?

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