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Welcome to our August 2019 newsletter!

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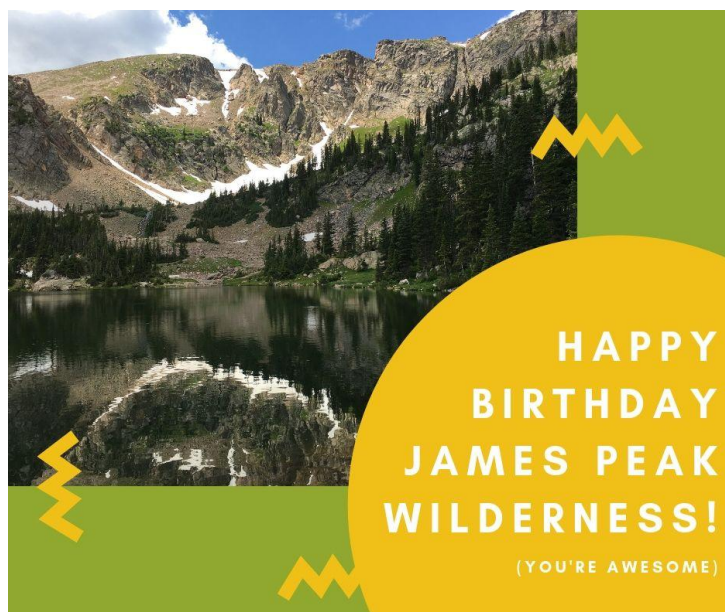
IPWA News

Happy 17th Birthday, James Peak Wilderness!

On August 21st, 2002, the James Peak Wilderness was established by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush.

Did you know that James Peak (13,294 feet) was named for Edwin James, an American physician and botanist who traveled to Colorado on the 1819 U.S. Army expedition

Bordered by Indian Peaks Wilderness to the north, the 17,015 acre James Peak Wilderness is located within Boulder, Gilpin and Clear Creek counties. Adjacent to the Continental Divide on the eastern slope, James Peak Wilderness includes several peaks over 13,000 feet and more than a dozen alpine lakes. The area's elevation ranges from 9,200 to 13,294 feet, which includes upper montane, sub-alpine, and alpine ecosystems of the Rocky Mountains.



Winter Patrol Applications Now Open!

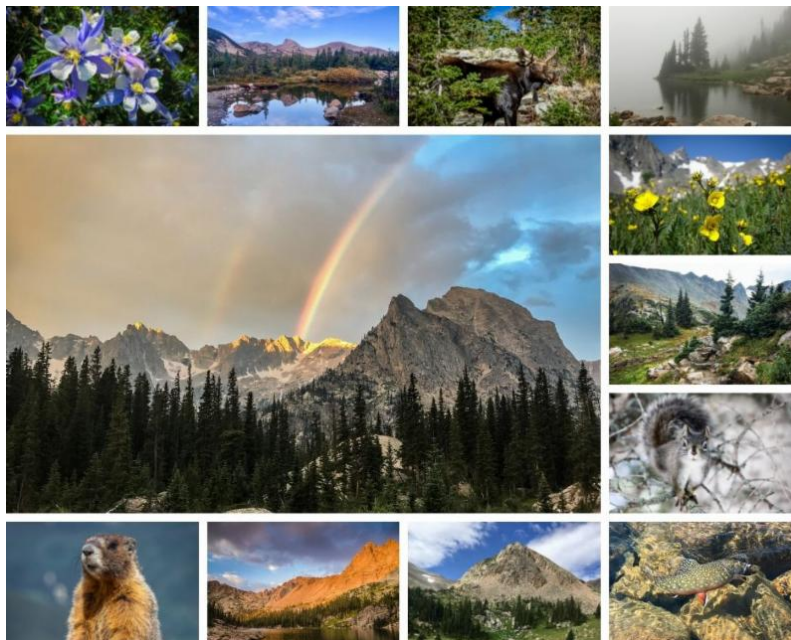
We are taking applications for winter patrollers. If you are interested, please contact Andy for more details to make sure you meet the pre-requisites in time: agup2001@msn.com. Winter training will be in early November.



Reminder: Photo Contest in September

There's still time to take photos for the Annual Photo Contest! We will open submissions in September - more info to come.

Need some inspiration? Check out last year's winners!



IPWA Program Updates

Trail Project Recap

Earlier in July, the IPWA worked on the first segment of the new trail from Mitchell Lake to Blue Lake. This was a two-day joint project between the Rocky Mountain Conservancy, the USFS and IPWA that was funded by grant money. Over 20 people participated on

both days. It's a historic re-routing as the original trail to Blue Lake has been in use for decades. Massive increases in foot traffic over the last few years has been leading to significant damage on the original trail, especially in the boggy areas above Mitchell Lake.

Thank you to everyone who came out! We hope to see you on our next work trip!



U.S. Forest Service News

Happy 75th Birthday, Smokey Bear!

On Friday, August 9th, Smokey Bear celebrated his 75th birthday. Since 1944, Smokey Bear has taught millions of Americans just like you about their role in preventing wildfires. Celebrations will continue for the rest of the year - learn more about Smokey Bear's history and how you can celebrate at <https://smokeybear.com/en>.



IPWA Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 21st

Trailhead Host Day at East Portal Trailhead

If you would like to sign up, please email Tim Bickmore at tim.bickmore@gmail.com.

Saturday, September 28th

National Public Lands Day Trail Project

Mark your calendar for a trail crew project on Saturday September 28th to commemorate the National Public Lands Day! This project is open to volunteers and member of the public at least 18 years old (or younger with parental consent). Volunteers for tree projects must attend the Sawyer training. Location and additional details coming soon. To learn more, email us at ipwatrailcrew@gmail.com.

IPWA Community Corner

The Community Corner is meant to highlight our wonderful supporters that help the IPWA accomplish all that we do! We couldn't do it without you!

Community Corner Highlight: Our 2019 Interns, Marina & Elisabeth!

A big thank you to our amazing 2019 interns, Marina & Elisabeth, for a great season! They were a tremendous help to our organization and the Boulder Ranger District. They conducted multiple patrols, worked on several trail projects, and helped with Trail Head Host events. Their season is coming to an end, but we wish them the best in their future endeavors!



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