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**Welcome to our August 2020 Newsletter!**

**Keep It Wild!**

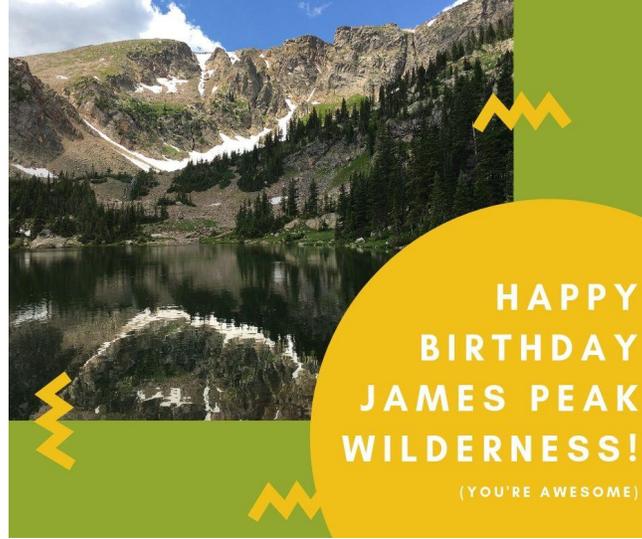
*IPWA News*

## **Happy 18th 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? James was 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.



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## Reminder: Photo Contest in September

Each September we open submissions for the Annual Photo Contest. Winners will have their photo included in our 2020 Notecard Pack, which we sell as a fundraiser for the IPWA.

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

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



## New on the Blog! "Hessie History"

*Words & photos by Emily Herrington, IPWA Volunteer*

Colorado is steeped in mining history. We pass through the reminders of this every time we hike in the Indian Peaks Wilderness. Places such as Eldora and the



Hessie townsite came into existence this way. I always wondered about the abandoned, collapsed cabins on the way to the Hessie trailhead. Who lived there and when? What brought people to live through winters at 9,000 feet and why was it abandoned?

[Click here to read more!](#)

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# Program Updates

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## Sawyers Hard At Work!

IPWA sawyers have been hard at work this summer, removing over a dozen trees from the trails. Thanks to all who are including downed trees in their online patrol reports.

*(Also, please report if you see non-USFS/non-volunteers cutting trees or carrying saws. It is not allowed and it has been causing confusion this summer when scheduling tree removal trips.)*



*Volunteers remove a large tree from the Jean Lunning trail.*

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## Summer Patrols

Despite having a delayed start and a reduced number of volunteers, our volunteers have already completed 83 patrols and hiked over 637 miles. Amazing!

As a reminder, you can view up-to-date trail condition reports on our website.

[View trail conditions here!](#)

# 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 2020 Wilderness Ranger Interns, Nick & Ben!**

Despite their shortened summer season, Ben and Nick had a very impressive month and a half. They removed over 85 fire rings, hiked over 275 miles, and encountered close to 3,000 visitors, providing important wilderness education and information when needed.

(A full report of their accomplishments will be included in next month's newsletter).

Their dog rescue on the Forest Lakes Trail was quite notable since they ended up carrying a 50 pound dog 2 miles to the trail junction. The owner and the dog were quite appreciative!

Thank you, Ben & Nick, for all you did for the Indian Peaks and James Peak Wilderness this summer! We wish you the best in your future endeavors.



## **Wondering How You Can Support the IPWA?**

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