



Let's Go Have a Great 2022

By Bruce Williams, PWV Board Chair

Well, we are just a couple months into the year and it is shaping up to be a busy and active one. I am excited by our plans and wanted to share some of what is on our plate for 2022.

I need to start by stating the obvious, many of our plans are subject to the unpredictability of the impact that COVID-19 could have on us. Nevertheless, we are cautiously optimistic that we might have a year that returns to something close to a normal set of activities while having contingency plans in the event that we need to curtail activities due to COVID-19 constraints.

Let's begin with recruiting which is off to a strong start. Currently we have just a bit more than 60 new recruits and are on our way to a target of 80 recruits for the year. Just a great start by the Recruiting Committee! Thanks so much! Also worth mentioning is that the committee is targeting recruiting of stock riders. So, if you happen to know of any potential stock recruits, please talk to them or contact the Recruiting Committee.

With such a large group of recruits we certainly need to be prepared with good training plans. We are in good shape here too.



PWV Board Chair Bruce Williams skiing with the Nordic Rangers

First of all, we are going to continue with the Animal Group Leader led training modules that were put in place last year and were so successful in preparing recruits for the training trail.

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Thanks again to our New Recruit Training Committee for developing this

great training program.

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established committee (Trails For All) chartered to “foster safe, fun, and educational connections to the out-of-doors for people of ALL abilities” we have a big year in front of us.

I wanted to close by thanking all of you, the members of PWV. It is only through your efforts; the patrols you complete, the contacts you make, the education you provide to the public, that we are able to fulfill our mission of helping the forest service manage and protect our wilderness and backcountry areas. Thank you, and let’s go have a great 2022.

PWV from a Fund-Raising Perspective

By Thomas Collins

2021 was an extraordinary year for PWV from a fund-raising perspective. As an organization we raised over \$90,000 from 350 donations. Approximately half of that number came from our very successful efforts in creating a GoFundMe campaign where many of you also donated so generously. For a bit of perspective, in 2020 we raised \$48,500 with 128 donations and in 2019, \$46,400 with 110 donations. The Cameron Peak Fire and its attendant destruction tore at our community’s heart and the response was outstanding.

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What is going to be impactful for PWV moving forward is that we have quite a new number of first-time donors due to the

GoFundMe campaign. Not only have we expanded our donor base but we have also raised our visibility in the Fort Collins and surrounding communities. Donations from 17 states - Alaska to Florida; donations from 32 cities in Colorado-Arvada to Windsor attest to the reach we’ve had.

Spring Training Plans Underway

By Jeff Randa & Pete Ramirez

Spring Training Co-Chairs Jeff Randa and Pete Ramirez are formulating plans for a three-day training event May 20-22 at the Buckhorn Camp, Rist Canyon Road. Randa and Ramirez are also developing backup training plans for inclement weather and road conditions or should COVID-19 restrictions remain an issue. The Spring Training co-chairs have lined up team leads to tackle a variety of tasks in planning and conducting the training.

On Saturday evening, guest speaker David Neils will discuss his work with mountain lions and show photos and videos taken by trail cameras he deploys to capture these secretive cats in their natural habitat. Recertification is planned for Sunday, May 22nd.

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If you have experience in setting up and troubleshooting audio-visual equipment and would like to help, please contact the co-chairs. Volunteers are also needed for

assisting with: the kitchen; cabin cleanup; and with check-in, welcome and parking.

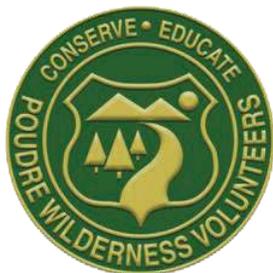
Randa and Ramirez will provide additional details on Spring Training as planning progresses or if plans are modified. Please contact the Spring Training Co-Chairs if you are interested in helping with Spring Training.

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POUDRE WILDERNESS VOLUNTEERS MISSION

The mission of Poudre Wilderness Volunteers is to assist the Canyon Lakes Ranger District of the United States Forest Service in managing and protecting wilderness and backcountry areas within its jurisdiction.

To achieve this mission Poudre Wilderness Volunteers recruits, trains, equips, and fields citizen volunteers to serve as wilderness rangers and hosts for the purpose of educating the public, and provides other appropriate support to these wild areas.

Restoration Plans for 2022

By Mike Corbin

Last year PWV accomplished a lot working on the trails in the burn area. We cleared over 3,000 trees from the burned trails and performed drainage work on approximately 11 miles of trail. We did this work with our members and the community who came to our public work days. Most of this work was done within a few miles of the trailheads. This year we need to move farther into the wilderness and work the trails that we were unable to get to last year due to their remoteness. Last year we only worked the burn area but many of our remote trails have not been properly maintained and require extensive work.



PWV Restoration Day 2021

The plan for this year is to get to those remote trails both in the burn area and the trails that were not affected by the fire. We will still have some public work days but also plan to use hired work crews from both the county and Rocky Mountain Conservancy. The hired crews, which consist of young people, will backpack in to work the remote trails for four days at a time. Our current plan is to have five weeks of hired crews. PWV will still have member work events and public work days. Some of these may also be backpackers to work on the more remote trails.

We will work on the specific work day schedules later in the Spring and let you know what the opportunities are to come out and work with us.

PWV Trails for ALL – New

By Carol Kennedy

At the February 17th board meeting Trails for ALL (TFA) was approved by the PWV board to be a committee. “The mission of PWV Trails for ALL is to foster safe, fun, and educational connections to the out-of-doors for people of ALL abilities.”

As the name of the committee implies, its goal is to encourage people you don't often see on the trail (or perhaps have never seen) to be supported in experiencing the wonder of our U S Forest Service trails. These people include those who have special needs, including physical or cognitive disabilities, and maybe even people who just never have been on a forest trail but want to be supported and experiencing it for the first time. The seeds of this initiative were sown when Jeanne Corbin and Mike Corbin met last summer with the Arc of Larimer County (they serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families). The committee plans to kick off their activities with a June workshop to teach hiking skills to Arc clients and their caregivers. After the workshop, they plan to host monthly hikes in the Canyon Lakes Ranger District. Look for more information about volunteer opportunities with TFA as dates become firm. Anyone interested in learning more about this new committee can contact any of its three committee members:

- Carol Kennedy 720-289-9569, clikinstix1stuff@gmail.com
- Tyler Petersen 970-294-5477, tlpeters16@gmail.com
- Walt Grady 970-219-2465, waltgrady@gmail.com

PWV Welcome Back for our Second-Year Members

By Janet Caille

On February 15th from 7-8:30 pm, PWV hosted a Zoom Welcome Back event for our second-year members. Nineteen of our second-year members attended.

The event started with an online web

presentation driven by Alan Meyer, who was also the Zoom-master for the evening. Alan recapped how to submit a Volunteer Agreement, how to schedule or delete a patrol, how to submit a patrol report including hover helps and field population, how to access the calendar on pwv.org, plus other information including how to report web issues.

Celia Walker took over for the 2nd half hour and hosted a discussion on 'hiking dance cards', i.e., 'what type of hiker are you?'. Categories included: Hard/Explore Hikers, Medium Hikers, Leisure Hikers, Backpacking Gurus, Backpacking Non-Gurus but interested, What Else (what interests 2nd year members on a patrol, i.e., flowers, plants, birds, photography, summiting, etc., and Don't Like to Patrol Busy Trails. Second-year member Kathleen Talkington took notes, with second-year members picking relevant categories and the notes were then shared among all.

Janet Caille led discussion for the last half hour of the Zoom meeting, with Chair Bruce Williams leading off the Chair Presentation of the meeting with a welcome to second-year attendees. The following Chairs presented: Tom Collins, Fund Development, Linda Reiter, Supplemental Training, Holly Young, Adopt-A-Highway, Jim Zakely, Recruiting, Sean Orner, Public Outreach, Bruce Williams, Mentor, Janet Caille, Trail Patrolling Committee, Jeff Randa and Pete Ramirez, Spring Training, Margaret Shaklee, Surveys and Evaluations, and Alan Meyer for Web Team and Member Relations. Additionally, 3 Chairs had pre-recorded videos that were played: Jeanne Corbin, Kids in Nature, Mike Corbin, Restoration and Steve Musial for Trail Crew.

In 2019 and 2020, this event was hosted in person, but out of safety concerns, this year's event was virtual. Hopefully, 2023 allows for an in-person gathering once more. The Welcome Back Event ended shortly after 8:30 p.m. as scheduled. The Zoom was recorded and will be shared with all second-year members.

Kids in Nature

By Jeanne Corbin

Kids in Nature (KIN) is planning to get back out on the trail with kids from various community agencies this summer, after two seasons without KIN hikes. If you are unfamiliar with our program, check out the information and video on our website:

<https://pwv.org/kids-in-nature>



PWV Jeff Johnson KIN Compass Lesson

We will have training in March and April for all PWV patrolling members who wish to contribute their time for the hikes and for city-based educational outreach activities to agencies or schools. Contact kidsinnature@pwv.org for more information.

Backpacking Colorado Trail Presentation

TUESDAY JUNE 7, 2022

Hearthfire Clubhouse & Pavilion

<https://pwv.org/events/calendar/outdoor-experience/backpacking-colorado-trail>

Last summer Karl Ritters at age 80 hiked the 500 mile Colorado Trail which goes from Denver to Durango.



PWV Karl Ritters on the Colorado Trail

Karl will present a slideshow, June 7th

on his adventure and discuss the contents of his ultralight backpack weighing in at 13 pounds (excluding food & water).

Recruiting for the 2022 Season

By Jim Zakely

Each year PWV asks applicants wanting to join PWV how they found out about us. The majority of the responses are "from a PWV member." That might be a friend or a neighbor or often because they met one of us on the trail or at a community booth and became excited about joining us in our work. This year we're seeing more applicants list the public trail restoration days as how they heard about PWV (thank you Jeanne and Mike Corbin), and more listing "media" (thank you Jeff Randa for all the media coverage in 2021). Thank you for all the referrals you make and the goodwill you spread on the trails and throughout the community.

This year we have placed an emphasis on recruiting stock applicants, with emails sent to active and inactive stock members, and recruitment flyers that highlighted PWV stock member contributions. The stock committee also printed flyers and distributed them in the Red Feather area, as well as sending emails to other stock organizations and contacts within the stock community (thank you Fred Allen). We still are looking to add applicants to our list for interviews and invitations to join in the 2022 class.



PWV Rich Cappello

At this stage of recruiting, with less than a week to go (**until March 5**), we have approximately 60 applicants for patrolling positions, five for non-patrolling, and seven for trail restoration and/or weed-days. We

know that life intervenes for some of our applicants between application and Spring Training, we would like to add about 80 new patrolling recruits for the 2022 season. Although we're still not certain whether March interviews will be in person or via Zoom, we're looking forward to a bumper crop of new recruits at Spring Training. Know someone who would like to join? Contact us at recruiting@pwv.org or at <https://www.pwv.org/join>

HeartSmart First Aid and CPR & AED Class for PWV

Supplemental Training is pleased to announce a Basic First Aid & CPR/AED (CardioPulmonary Resuscitation / Automated External Defibrillator) class at no cost for our returning members. This is one of the core classes that our organization believes is important for our trail skills. PWV member Joe Cox will be our instructor in this 3.5-4 hour in-person, scenario-based class. Training will be specific to PWV patrolling, non-patrolling, and stock members' needs.

SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2022

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9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

To register, login and [click the class](#).

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PWV thrives and prospers with support from people like you! For the past two decades, dedicated individuals have served the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers by providing countless hours patrolling and maintaining trails, educating users of the backcountry and wilderness areas of Northern Colorado, thus creating and preserving the legacy of these cherished areas for future generations.

Donations to the Poudre Wilderness Volunteer and the Endowment Funds qualify as a tax deductible charitable donation. PWV is a 501 (c) (3) organization: www.pwv.org/donate (please check if your employer has a matching program!).



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Accepting Applications through
Saturday, March 5, 2022