



Restoring the Ecology, Beauty & Safety of Independence Pass

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Travelers stop to take in the panoramic views from the 12,095-foot summit of Independence Pass, but there is little in the way of interpretive materials to explain what they are seeing or what they should be looking for. Interpretive opportunities are being examined within the process now underway to update the Master Plan for the entire 115-mile length of the Top of the Rockies Scenic Byway. In his dual role as IPF Director and as a member of the Scenic Byway Board, Mark Fuller is participating in this extensive effort.



Mark Fuller Photos

Pass Master Plan Creates Blueprint for Future

Independence Pass is undergoing systematic scrutiny in a comprehensive effort to set the agenda for future management of the 37-mile corridor between Aspen and Twin Lakes. The Top of the Rockies Scenic Byway Board, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, has responsibility for updating the Byway's Master Plan, but the Independence Pass Foundation is a key player in the multi-year process.

With its long history of involvement in managing the Pass and with its intimate knowledge of how the Pass is currently used by travelers and recreationists, IPF is participating in every aspect of the planning process. IPF Executive Director Mark Fuller, as a member of the Byway Board, has been involved in the scoping of the Master Plan work program, consultant selection and project oversight.

IPF participated in the Design Charette that was held in Aspen in early June, and will continue to guide the process to ensure that it is consistent with our goals and values. The Master Plan will consider such topics as recreational improvements, signage, educational materials, road, traffic and parking analysis, maintenance and improvement of the environment, historic preservation, and use of social media and digital technology to tell the Byway's story.

When completed in early 2012, the Master Plan will provide a blueprint for future projects, management policies and resource

planning. By working hand in hand with the Scenic Byway Board and the other involved agencies, the Independence Pass Foundation will assure that the Scenic Byway and IPF's work will continue to be mutually supportive.



The Top of the Rockies Scenic Byway was established by the State of Colorado in 1993, but it was not until 2008 that Highway 82 over the Pass was added to the Byway. Prior to then, the Byway, which includes Highways 24 and 91 in Lake and Summit Counties, officially ended west of Twin Lakes. Following its addition to the Byway, the corridor between Aspen and Twin Lakes was designated as a part of the National Scenic Byway system in 2009.

For many years, IPF resisted including the corridor in the Scenic Byway based on concern that it would dramatically increase traffic over the Pass and adversely impact the Pass' environment and ecology. By 2007, however, it was clear that not only was traffic growing, but increased recreational use of the Pass required new and additional planning and management resources that only Scenic Byway designation could bring. IPF led the lengthy process to add the Twin Lakes to Aspen segment of Highway 82 to the Scenic Byway, and has since enjoyed a productive relationship with the Top of the Rockies Byway Board.

Snow Declared Winner of 17th Annual Ride!

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IPF Board members David Hyman, Paul D'Amato and James Peterson greet Ride for the Pass party-goers and distribute bibs and drawing prize numbers.

For the first time in its 17-year history, the Independence Pass Foundation's annual Ride for the Pass had to be canceled due to snow covering the roadway that would have created unacceptable safety hazards for riders. On the Friday before the scheduled Ride on May 21, the IPF Board of Directors and staff took steps to hold the Ride in the face of less than desirable weather conditions. IPF got the word out to registered riders that the start time would be 10 a.m. instead of 9 a.m. and that the start and finish points would be moved lower down on the Pass in hopes of avoiding snow present at higher elevations. The Colorado Department of Transportation cleared the course twice in the early morning of May 21. Despite these adaptive measures, the weather prevailed--snow continued falling steadily. The good news is an enthusiastic crowd turned out for the party and prize giveaway at the Sky Hotel. Some people even registered for the Ride AFTER it was cancelled just so they could get a bib and get in on the prize drawing! We are grateful to the party-goers and all those who didn't attend but who understood our difficult decision. One cancellation in 17 years is a great track record, and we hope past and new Ride for the Pass participants will join us next year as we embark on another winning streak.



Judith Olesen Photo

Amanda Hartman and Peter McBride were the happy winners of town bikes in the prize drawing. Roaring Fork Valley businesses and restaurants generously contribute dozens of prizes every year.

IPF's Work Featured
 Paul Andersen's article, "Healing Colorado's Independence Pass," is featured in the May 27, 2001 edition of New West, a digital guide to news, analysis, and culture for the Rocky Mountain region. His story provides a compelling overview of the work of the Independence Pass over the past two decades. http://www.newwest.net/topic/article/healing_colorados_independence_pass/C41/L41/

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Films to Inspire Activism

The Independence Pass Foundation hosted its third "Wild and Scenic Film Festival" at Aspen's historic Wheeler Opera House March 25. Following a slide show of IPF's work on the Pass, nine documentaries were presented. A number of IPF supporters were in the audience, but there were many new faces as well.

The goal of the festival is to use film to inspire activism. "The films illustrated not only the challenges facing our planet, but also the work that people are doing to protect the places they love such as Independence Pass," said Mark Fuller, IPF Executive Director. "The stories gave us a worldwide sense of place and what it means to be responsible stewards of the earth."

A highlight of the evening was a documentary by high school senior Loren James Creer, Carbondale, Colorado, featuring the aerial acrobatics of two local skiers who are winning awards and making news—Torin Yater-Wallace of Basalt and Aidan Sheahan of Carbondale.

Presented and sponsored by Patagonia, the festival was started in 2003 by the South Yuba Citizens League (SYRCL), a small group of concerned citizens who banded together in 1983 to fight against several proposed dams. SYRCL works with nonprofit groups nationwide to attract diverse audiences and raise awareness for environmental causes through community outreach. This year the festival traveled to over 100 towns and cities around the country.

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