

Project (updated January 23, 2024)	Goal/Purpose	Partners	Board Members	Budget Line Items	Amount	Timing	Status	Mission Reference(s)
Aspen removal above Independence ghost town	Promote restoration of Wilderness and Wilderness values	USFS, Jaywalker Lodge, BV Inmate work crew, volunteers		5570	\$0.00	Unknown: IPF to assist USFS by leading personnel to the site; rest otherwise involved in removal, which happens with USFS. https://rockhike.profiles.wordpress.com/2016/08/01/aspen-removal/	USFS assessing removal options	Restore and protect ecological, historical, and aesthetic integrity
Beaver map ground-truthing and assessment	Assist Beaver restoration efforts by ground-truthing the Colorado BRAT (Beaver Restoration Analysis Tool) map, to more accurately determine where beaver are currently, previously, or could potentially on Independence Pass, as beavers bring numerous benefits to a landscape.	Colorado Natural Heritage Program, USFS, Roaring Fork Watershed Biodiversity Initiative, Della Malone		3250 & 5005	\$0.00	On hold pending USFS direction	Ground-truthing began in 2022, group met in Dec 2023	Restore and protect biological integrity
Bird and willowflower walks and Pass tours	Encourage deeper understanding of connection with and therefore greater commitment to taking care of the Pass and its living things, and encourage deeper interest, understanding, and appreciation for the Pass's living things.	Mark Fuller, Rebecca Weiss, Amy Beideman, Janis Haggins, Elynn in Action	Kristen, Gail, Lisa, Bob, Ann	5545	\$500	Summer 2024 trips scheduled with Mark Fuller, Amy Beideman, Rebecca Weiss, and Valley Gardens for Fall 2024	Summer 2023	Encourage stewardship and appreciation
Bird and willowflower checklists/books	Create accessible, user-friendly checklists or books for the wider public in order to foster deeper knowledge, appreciation, connection, and commitment to the birds and willowflowers of the Pass	Mark Fuller, Rebecca Weiss, Janis Haggins	Kristen, Gail, Bob	5080	\$0	Field Guide to Birds Checklist compiled for summer 2024, essential hardware Willowflower Field Guide (checklist) written 2023 sign & fabricate new trail sign; summer 2024 willowflower checklist revision	3 books finished, willowflower checklist revision	Encourage stewardship and appreciation
Discovery and Braille Trail day use area signage, maintenance and repair	Create and maintain walking or wheelchair trails, benches, tables, and signage for physically challenged users and welcoming and informative spaces for all users; replace outdated and compromised Braille Trail welcome sign with new, Braille-included sign; repair broken posts on Discovery welcome sign	BV inmate work crew, Jaywalker Lodge, volunteers		5090	\$600	replace existing Braille Trail welcome sign and relocate it; fix Discovery Trail welcome sign posts; ongoing maintenance	Braille sign fabricated & installed	Restore and protect historical and aesthetic integrity and encourage safety and appreciation
Ecological research (a) phenology (timing of bloom), (b) cover composition (numbers and variety of plant species), (c) forest health (age, density, and presence of bacteria), (d) fire risk, (e) pine presence & health, (f) beaver presence and opportunities, (g) bird inventory/book, (h) temperatures, precipitation & soil moisture monitoring, (i) willowflower inventory/checklist, (j) inventory of new plants, (k) regular Roaring Fork River temperature measurements, (l) Lincoln Creek/Upper Roaring Fork contamination monitoring, sampling, mitigation	Promote restoration and protection of the Pass by establishing a baseline of what presently exists, how/whether conditions are what we're hoping for, and therefore what measures, if any, most appropriately should be taken	(a) phenology: Dawn Barton, PhD; David Inoué, Rocky Mountain Biological Lab ("RMBL"); (b) cover composition: Dea Malone, CMG and Elise Chang, Aspen Global Change Institute ("AGCI"); (c) forest health: Anne Sibbald, CSU and Adam McCurdy, ACES; (d) pine study: Colorado Pike Project and volunteers; (e) beaver: Eagle Beaver Committee, USFS, Roaring Fork Watershed Biodiversity Initiative; (f) bird inventory: Rebecca Weiss, ACES and Mark Fuller; (g) temperatures, snowdepth, and soil moisture monitoring: Elise Chang, AGCI; (h) willowflower inventory: IPF in-house; (i) rare plant inventory: IPF in-house and CNRP; (j) temp data submitted to Roaring Fork Conservancy; and (k) work volunteers on Lincoln Creek/Upper Roaring Fork contamination: surveys, assessments, mitigation measures		3250, 5505, 5515, 5525, 5535, 5545, 5580	\$12,000	Summer & Fall 2024 and ongoing	annual	Restore and protect ecological integrity
Fence, trail, and signage repair & upkeep at summit, day use areas, and trailheads	Keep people on trails and off roads and surrounding landscapes, keep within parking areas, and promote pride in our trails, collect data on use of our backyard and public lands by regular maintenance and care of its facilities and infrastructure	USFS, Jaywalker Lodge, BV inmate work crew, volunteers	Kristen, Bob, Jim, Kristin	5520, 5540, 5570, 5595	\$6,500	Summer 2023 repaired wood wall above Lost Man Campground; Summer 2024 replace two damaged wooden gates; maintenance ongoing	annual	Restore and protect ecological and aesthetic integrity and encourage safety
Grasscut day area seeding, trail maintenance, trash removal, signage, and water use monitoring & Grotto climbing wall maintenance	Help keep the Pass's most popular day use area clean and weed-free, maintained, and keep people on trails, collect data on use for USFS; stock water bags at climbing wall	USFS, Jaywalker Lodge, volunteers	Kristen, Bob, Jim	5520, 5525, 5570	\$6,000	New water bags at Grotto climbing wall installed Summer 2023; weed bag stockpiled and maintenance ongoing	annual	Restore and protect ecological and aesthetic integrity
Independence Ghost Town trail work, fence repair, weed pulling, and support with restoration projects, other historically important preservation on Pass	Support Aspen Historical Society in preserving and celebrating an integral part of Aspen's settlement mining history, including introducing IPF donors to AHS to support their work at the ghost town, determine historical significance of upper Lost Man and Lincoln Creek areas with possible goal of structural restoration/work	USFS, Aspen Historical Society, Grama Munn/Runter Creek Historical Foundation, Historians, BV inmate work crew, Pikes WAB, IPF donors, volunteers	Kristen, Ann	5525, 5535, 5540, 5560, 5570, 5725, 5750	\$1,750	Site assessment of Linton Cabin construction Fall 2023 and current completion scheduled Winter 2024 for presentation to USFS; maintenance of ghost town ongoing	annual	Restore and protect ecological, historical, and aesthetic integrity
Inmate work crew and Jaywalker Lodge projects	Create meaningful service opportunities in an inspiring landscape where people who have been challenged in their lives and are seeking a healthier path forward	BV Correctional Complex, Jaywalker Lodge	Boots, Bob, Jim, Adam	5515, 5530, 5535, 5530, 5540, 5560, 5725, 5750	\$0	Summer & Fall 2023 and ongoing (BV inmates currently unavailable due to prison staff shortages)	annual	Encourage stewardship
Interpretive and educational signs at summit, Alpine Gardens, Grottoes, Lincoln Creek, and upper Lost Man (winter/temporary)	Inform public of legal, designated parameters along Lincoln Creek corridor, driving conditions, and permit rules (e.g., fire); of allowed winter usage; other interpretive signs (as appropriate) to deepen the public's understanding and appreciation for the natural and human history of Independence Pass	Kelly Allford-Woods Pictures Colours, Susanne Jackson-40B Works, Best Sign Systems, volunteers		5590	\$800	BV inmates currently unavailable due to prison staff shortages	annual	Restore and protect ecological integrity and encourage stewardship and appreciation
Invasive weed containment	Reduce or at minimum contain noxious weeds to prevent them from spreading uncontrollably and crowding out native species	Pitkin County Weed Advisory Board ("Pitkin WAB"), USFS, volunteers	Kristen, Gail	5525	\$250	Summer 2024 ongoing	annual	Restore and protect ecological and aesthetic integrity
Lost Man Campsite & signage & wilderness watching work	Report, discourage, and attempt to prevent illegal trash in non-roads areas by inmates and off of motor vehicles	Colorado Wild Public Lands, USFS	Bob, Boots, Kristin	5510, 5725	\$250	Increased wilderness monitoring for motorized signs at upper Lost Man in late Fall 2024; "Motorized on trail only" signs above and at worker site	annual	Restore and protect ecological integrity
Mining and development protection	Prevent wilderness values from being degraded or lost; preserve, plants, adjacent streams, groundwater, and attendant impacts to wildlife, and prevent alteration or degradation of existing historical sites by modern road or cabin building or destruction of existing historical sites. In 2023 deconstructed and removed elements of Passway/Trail to facilitate transfer to the USFS in 2023 (anticipated); supported Financing WLT's purchase of the Blue Lake/North Fork Lake Creek mining claim (last including in Mt. Massive Wilderness) in 2022, and facilitated transfer of 250 acres in Larkmeadows divide area in 2023	The Wilderness Land Trust, USFS, Aspen Historical Society, donors		3250	\$800	Ongoing watching & partnering work w/WLT regarding additional, existing mining claims on the Pass, including Larkmeadows area in late 2023 (IPF donation toward same)	as needed	Restore and protect ecological and historical integrity
Monthly volunteer projects	Create stewardship opportunities for adult volunteers that enable them to give back and develop a closer connection with and allegiance to the Pass	Community volunteers, SK Co employees, Wilderness Workshop, Trout streams (ACES)	Jim, Bob, Kristin, Bob, Brandon	5570	\$500	Three volunteer Wilderness projects were conducted in 2023, including final removal of snow fence post on south side of summit and aluminum paneling removed on north side; three planned for 2024	annual	Encourage stewardship
Opening Day party	Share in and amplify the excitement and great feeling that attends the opening of the road with the season's first travelers	Volunteers		5345	\$250	2024 party, weather-dependent	annual	Encourage appreciation
Photo biography project: July 9	Create visual baselines of different ecologies/habitats/landscape types/IPF work on the Pass to assess change over time	Input from Bob Camp, Mark Fuller, ACES, CSU, Aspen Historical Society, USFS, board members		5005	\$0.00	July 9 (approximately) every year; 2024 concluded and posted on website	annual	Restore and protect ecological and aesthetic integrity and encourage stewardship and appreciation
Pointcount Presentation & 1 Day Map project	Create engaging, informative, and inspiring presentation of Independence Pass and IPF's history of work that will encourage previously under-informed and support IPF's work to protect our singular stewardship ideals themselves and to appreciate our long-but-brief; create map of Pass and IPF's work there and identified areas of concern/further work for board and potential non-stakeholder members		Boots	5730, 5235	\$1,000	Mapping project began March 2023 for initial completion 2024; presentation completed January 2024 (paid presentation made at Snowmass Village medical center on south side of existing historical road/signet)	ongoing and 1 of PowerPoint complete	Encourage stewardship and appreciation
PSA & outreach	Promote through public and social media thoughtful use of the Pass and encourage adoption of stewardship mentality toward the Pass and our public lands generally	Words Pictures Colours graphic design ("WPC"), Aspen Times, and Aspen Daily News	Ann, Haley	5245	\$6,000	Year-round and ongoing; focus in 2024 on 30th anniversary (and 60th Wilderness Act)	ongoing	Encourage stewardship and appreciation
Public/governmental partner coordination	Engage in consultation, coordination, and cooperation with government partners on numerous matters concerning the Pass	USFS, Pitkin County, COOT, Pitkin County OS&T, Aspen Signs Ranger District, USFS, Leadville Ranger District, Future Forest Roundtable, Roaring Fork Watershed Biodiversity Initiative, Eagle Rescue, Aspen, Health Services, Roaring Fork Conservancy, CPW	Jim, Lisa, Ann, Adam	5090, 5750	\$6,000	Year-round 2023 and ongoing	ongoing	Restore and protect ecological and historical integrity
Removal of non-historical, non-archaeologically significant human structures and human debris from Wilderness areas	Prevent diminishment of significant historical sites and structures and restore the Collegiate Peaks, Mt. Massive, and Hunter-Fryingpan National areas within the Indep Pass area as closely as possible to their natural states, in order to protect native wildlife from damage or injury, and as called for in the 2004 Wilderness Act	Wilderness Workshop, Two Rivers Community School, Wilderness Land Trust, Jaywalker Lodge, Roaring Fork Valley schools, BV inmate work crew, USFS, volunteers		5515, 5540, 5570	\$1,250	Removal of 11 (1) snow cornice post(s) at summit (completed 2023); (2) 6-panel aluminum panels & debris on north summit (stuck panel remaining); in Mountain Roy basin w/farriotes partners & volunteers (2023); (3) 2008 repair work and undertake at time TBD; (4) abandoned telephone wire, which when low-hanging at	annual	Restore and protect ecological and aesthetic integrity
Reporting illegal campfires, oversized vehicles, rock slides and other conditions to sheriff, USFS, and COOT/switching work	Prevent or contain damage to the landscape by reporting prohibited campfires or escaped fires; monitor & report contamination to Lincoln Creek & Roaring Fork rivers; discourage oversized vehicles from traveling on the Pass; encourage swift remediation of road obstacles or blockage; and report other significant impacts/incidents detrimental to ecology or human safety	USFS, Pitkin County Sheriff, COOT, volunteers		5555	\$800	Contribute to Forest Protection Officer (Pitkin 2024) for Pass (including Summer 2024 and ongoing)	ongoing	Restore and protect ecological integrity and encourage safety
Rub and Ski for the Pass	Offer the public the opportunity to enjoy the Pass first-hand in a supported, car-free environment	Pitkin County, USFS, COOT, CSP, Utta Mountaineer, Ona Belmont, volunteers	All	5315, 5330, 5330	\$16,700	Feb 14, 2024 (completed); Ride May 24, 2024	annual	Encourage appreciation
Roaring Fork Valley school restoration & tree-planting projects	Foster the next generation of stewards by involving them in fun, challenging, and rewarding stewardship projects	Aspen Community School, Aspen Country Day School, Aspen Middle School, Carondelet Community School, Two Rivers Community School, ACES Trout Interns		5515, 5530	\$750	Summer & Fall 2024 and ongoing	ongoing	Encourage stewardship
Share scientific research with partners and the public	Deepen people's understanding of the Pass's complex ecology and natural history and encourage stewardship today and encourage the adoption of scientific studies and information about the Pass	ACES, CSU, CMG, AGCI, Front Range Park Trail, Roaring Fork Conservancy, Roaring Fork Watershed Biodiversity Initiative, CNRP	Adam, Lisa, Haley	5210, 5230, 5240, 5250	\$11,000	Year-round 2024 and ongoing	ongoing	Encourage stewardship
Summer newsletter and annual report	Create beautiful pieces that exemplify and explain IPF's stewardship efforts and foster our community's desire to help take care of Independence Pass	WPC, volunteers	Gail, Kristen, Emily, Haley	5210, 5220	\$1,000	Summer newsletter June 2024 and annual report November 2024	annual	Encourage stewardship and appreciation
Ticket funding, installation, and regular locking/maintenance/garbage duty/graffiti removal at upper Lost Man trailhead, Sept-Nov	Keep landscape free of human waste and garbage; IPF is solely responsible for trash pick-up at the summit from September through closing	USFS		5550	\$7,000	Summer & Fall 2024 and ongoing	annual	Restore and protect ecological and aesthetic integrity
Top Cat and other road cuts restoration	Prevent or slow further erosion and loss of slow-growing alpine plants (some listed on 20th century road building, encourage re-growth of native species, and maintain or upgrade past efforts, and prevent further degradation of the historical and aesthetic appearance of the mountain slopes adjacent to current Highway 82	COOT, Pitkin County, Mark Fuller, Jaywalker Lodge, BV inmate work crew, volunteers	Boots, Bob, Adam, Gail	5530, 5565	\$2,250	Work w/WOT plan in 2024 on Difficult & Tapered sections in order to improve mitigation plan	Summer & Fall 2024 and ongoing	Restore and protect ecological, historical, and aesthetic integrity
Trail projects	Work with volunteers to maintain well-defined, barrier-free, sustainable trails to minimize soil trails, blading, off-trail travel, and erosion, and of which damage the surrounding landscape, especially fragile alpine lands	USFS, RFOV, Wilderness workshop, Utta Mountaineer, climbing community, volunteers	Boots, Bob	5700	\$250	2024 continued Classy Cliffs work & Lost Man Loop continuation	Summer 2024 and ongoing	Restore and protect ecological and encourage stewardship
Trash & waste pickup/minimization	Discourage trash and human waste to protect the ecological and aesthetic integrity of the Pass and to protect native plants, animals and birds by removing harmful plastics and other materials	Pitkin County Community Service program, BV inmate work crew, volunteers		5510, 5750	\$6,000	Wag bag pilot program successfully implemented Summer 2023 at two popular climbing areas; discuss expansion of program in USFS Winter Report Summer & Fall 2024 stockpile and ongoing	annual	Restore and protect ecological and aesthetic integrity and encourage stewardship
Tree and willowflower plantings	Foster the next generation of stewards, as well as adult volunteers, by involving them in fun, challenging, and rewarding stewardship projects, including tree-planting. Support a variety of ages and species to foster true resilience and stability, and to create carbon sinks, and to give us beauty and beauty these areas remain(s) impacted by human activities, including road cuts and invasive weeds	ACES (Phoebe Meyers, Adam McCurdy & Denali Barton), Aspen Middle School, Aspen Community School, Two Rivers Community School, Aspen Country Day School, USFS, Estemar Trail, Jaywalker Lodge, BV inmate work crew, volunteers	Bill	5530, 5570	\$750	Summer & Fall 2024 and ongoing	annual	Restore and protect ecological and aesthetic integrity and encourage stewardship
Upper Lost Man berm and talbot area revegetation	Recognize Independence Pass landscape as the ancestral lands and cultivate relationship with the representatives in order to fully and appropriately care for their story and/or values in IPF's stewardship and educational endeavors	Volunteers		5250	\$250	Summer & Fall 2024 and ongoing	as needed	Restore and protect ecological and aesthetic integrity
Use ancestral lands recognition/education	Recognize Independence Pass landscape as the ancestral lands and cultivate relationship with the representatives in order to fully and appropriately care for their story and/or values in IPF's stewardship and educational endeavors	Bill Kight, Aspen Historical Society, the tribes people TBD	Lisa, Adam	5250	\$500	Year-round 2024 & ongoing	ongoing	Restore and protect ecological and encourage appreciation
Visitor courts at Grotto	Collect data on usage (including vehicle numbers, user numbers (estimated), etc.) to establish trends for future management decision-making and possible parking and/or signage upgrades	USFS		5530	\$250	Summer & Fall 2024 and ongoing	ongoing	Restore and protect ecological and aesthetic integrity and encourage safety
Websites, Facebook, and Instagram sites	Engage, inspire, educate (via our website) our target members (the Pass's stewards) efforts and foster or allow love for the Pass and a collective desire to take care of it, share the beauty and rich natural and human history of Independence Pass with the wider public to encourage appreciation; and help keep the public informed of road closures, and restrictions as we're advised of them and encourage the public to follow these, include a new Pass Trailhead Safety Book	WPC, AGCI, COOT, USFS, Pitkin County		5240, 5245	\$8,500	Spanish translation of website to be completed Winter 2024; Launch the Pass Trailhead Safety Book & first issue only completed in 2022; 2024 year-round and ongoing	ongoing	Encourage stewardship, safety, and appreciation
Winter Gate maintenance and wintering dog cleanup & signage	Maintain attractive, clean, and weed-free parking and gate areas to create free-of-way movement of Independence Pass, keep area and lower road free of dog excrement and human trash along popular trailhead, and to give us beauty and beauty these areas remain(s) impacted by human activities, including road cuts and invasive weeds	City of Aspen, Pitkin County, BV inmate work crew, volunteers		5525, 5730	\$500.00	Maintenance throughout the summer (weed and trash work) and winter (locking, and poop pickup); winter maintenance ongoing; Lincoln Creek (new legal motorized travel (ONV) replaced; Mike Boushartz approved Lincoln Creek gate replacement, yet to happen	winter gate summer & winter maintenance ongoing; Lincoln Creek (summer 2024); November-	Restore and protect ecological and aesthetic integrity