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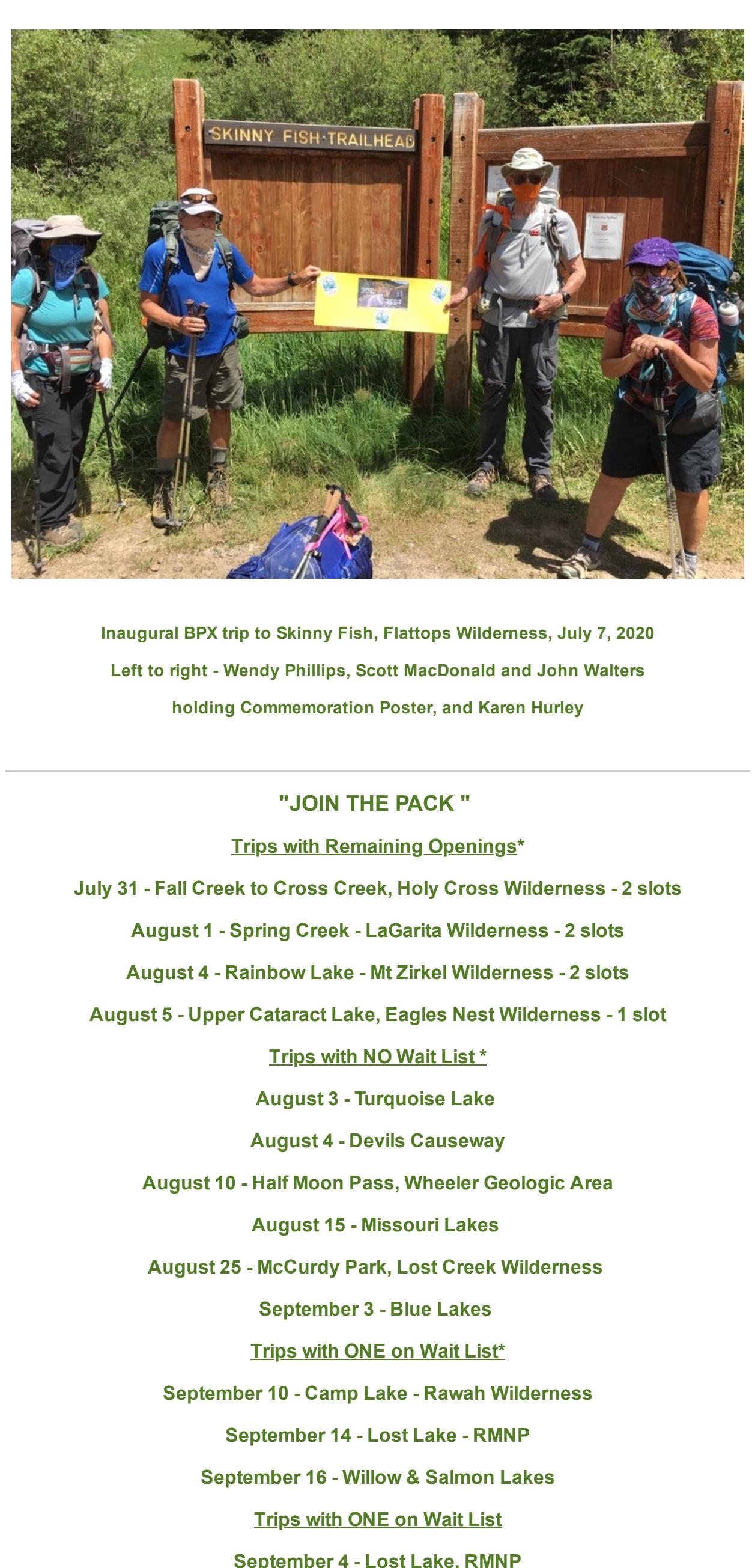


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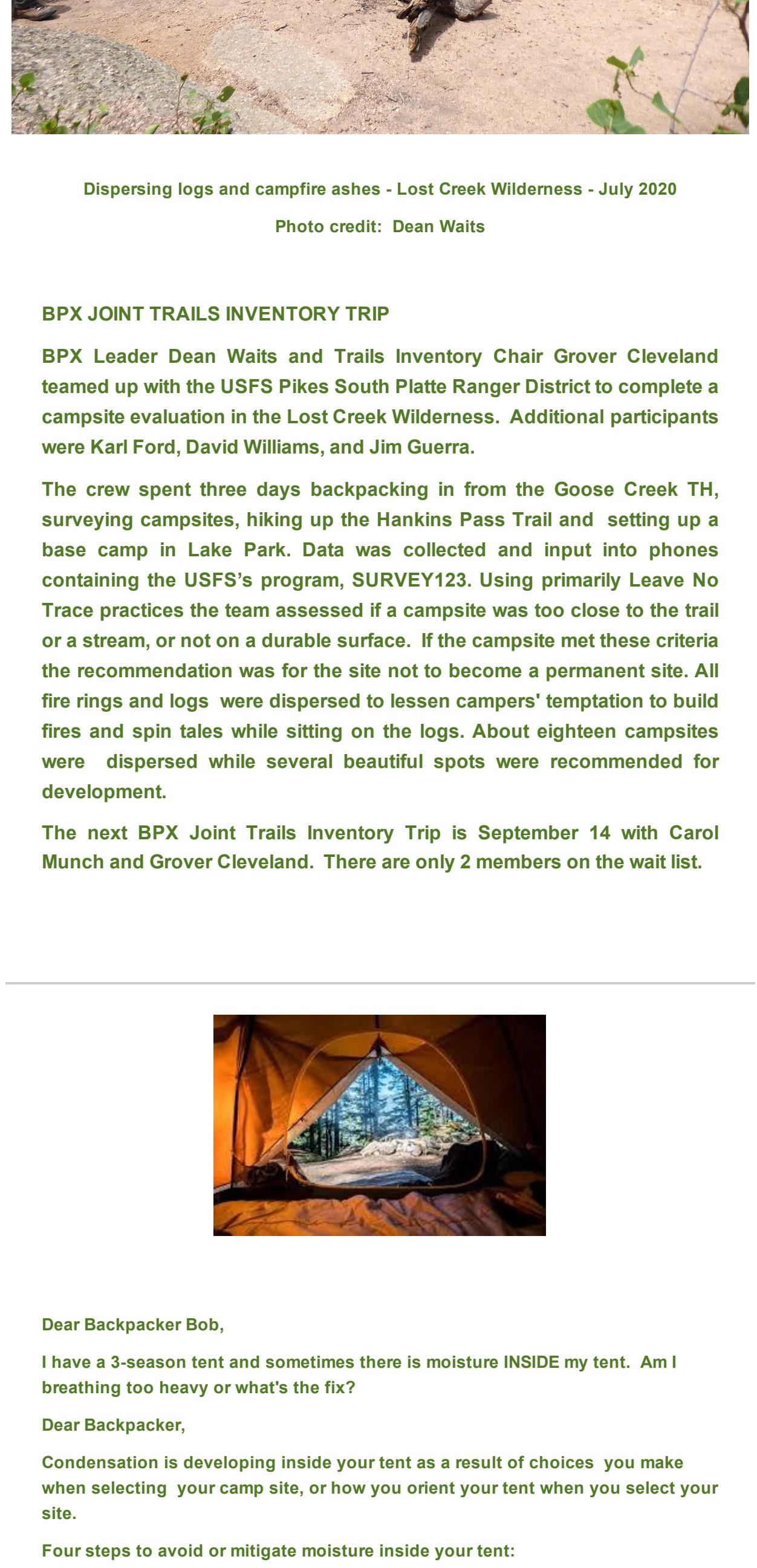
Parika Lake Outflow - Baker/Bowen Loop - Never Summer Wilderness - July 17, 2020

Photo credit: Arnold Castellino

Steppin' Out on BPX Trips

The initial BPX trip was completed July 7-9 in the Flattops Wilderness. YAY! Great Weather, Good Crew, Awesome Scenery. Swarms of Mosquitos.

Although a few BPX trips have been rescheduled or canceled due to CV19 concerns, seven trips have been completed with a total of 32 members. Roster churn is a factor with all trips, but many wait listed members have been able to move to the roster more than a week in advance of the start date allowing ample trip prep time.



Inaugural BPX trip to Skinny Fish, Flattops Wilderness, July 7, 2020

Left to right - Wendy Phillips, Scott MacDonald and John Walters

holding Commemoration Poster, and Karen Hurley

"JOIN THE PACK"

Trips with Remaining Openings*

July 31 - Fall Creek to Cross Creek, Holy Cross Wilderness - 2 slots

August 1 - Spring Creek - LaGarita Wilderness - 2 slots

August 4 - Rainbow Lake - Mt Zirkel Wilderness - 2 slots

August 5 - Upper Cataract Lake, Eagles Nest Wilderness - 1 slot

Trips with NO Wait List*

August 3 - Turquoise Lake

August 4 - Devils Causeway

August 10 - Half Moon Pass, Wheeler Geologic Area

August 15 - Missouri Lakes

August 25 - McCurdy Park, Lost Creek Wilderness

September 3 - Blue Lakes

Trips with ONE on Wait List*

September 10 - Camp Lake - Rawah Wilderness

September 14 - Lost Lake - RMNP

September 16 - Willow & Salmon Lakes

Trips with ONE on Wait List

September 4 - Lost Lake, RMNP

October 20 - Wigwam Park, Lost Creek Wilderness

* As of July 25th

Wall Lake - Flattops Wilderness - July 8, 2020

Photo credit - Linda Lawson

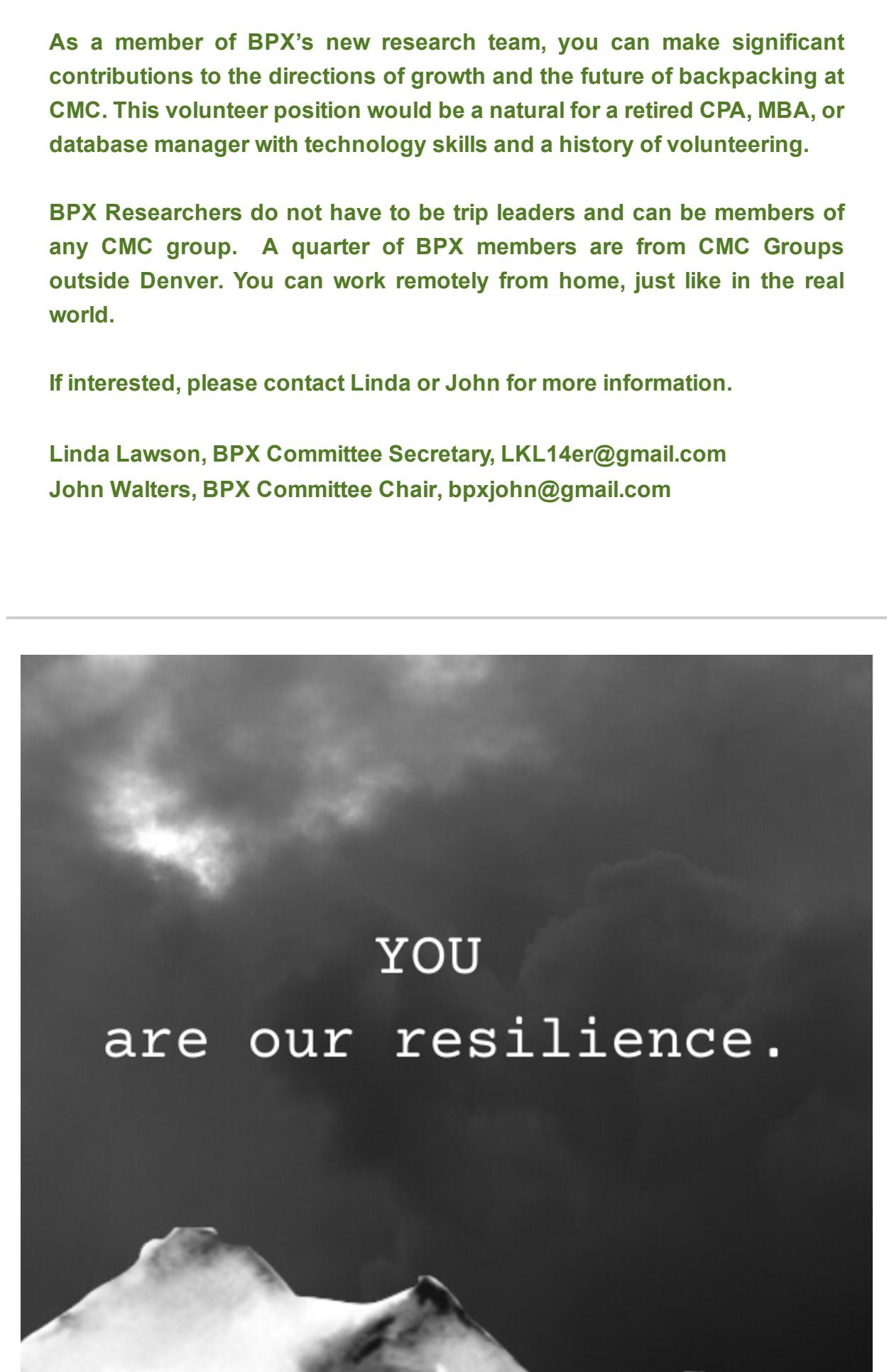


Photo credit: Dean Waits

BPX JOINT TRAILS INVENTORY TRIP

BPX Leader Dean Waits and Trails Inventory Chair Grover Cleveland teamed up with the USFS Lites South Platte Ranger District to complete a campsite survey in the Lost Creek Wilderness. Additional participants were Karl Ford, David Williams, and Jim Guerra.

The crew spent three days backpacking in from the Goose Creek Trail, surveying campsites, hiking back the Hankins Pass Trail and setting up a base camp in Park. Data was collected and input into phones containing the USFS' program SURVEY123. Using primarily Leave No Trace practices the team assessed if a campsite was too close to the trail or a stream, or not on a durable surface. If the campsite met these criteria the recommendation was for the site not to become a permanent site. All fire rings and spin tales were dispersed to lessen campers' temptation to build fires and spin tales while sitting on the logs. About eighteen campsites were dispersed while several beautiful spots were recommended for development.

The next BPX Joint Trails Inventory Trip is September 14 with Carol Munch and Grover Cleveland. There are only 2 members on the wait list.

"Join the Pack"

as of July 15, 2020

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