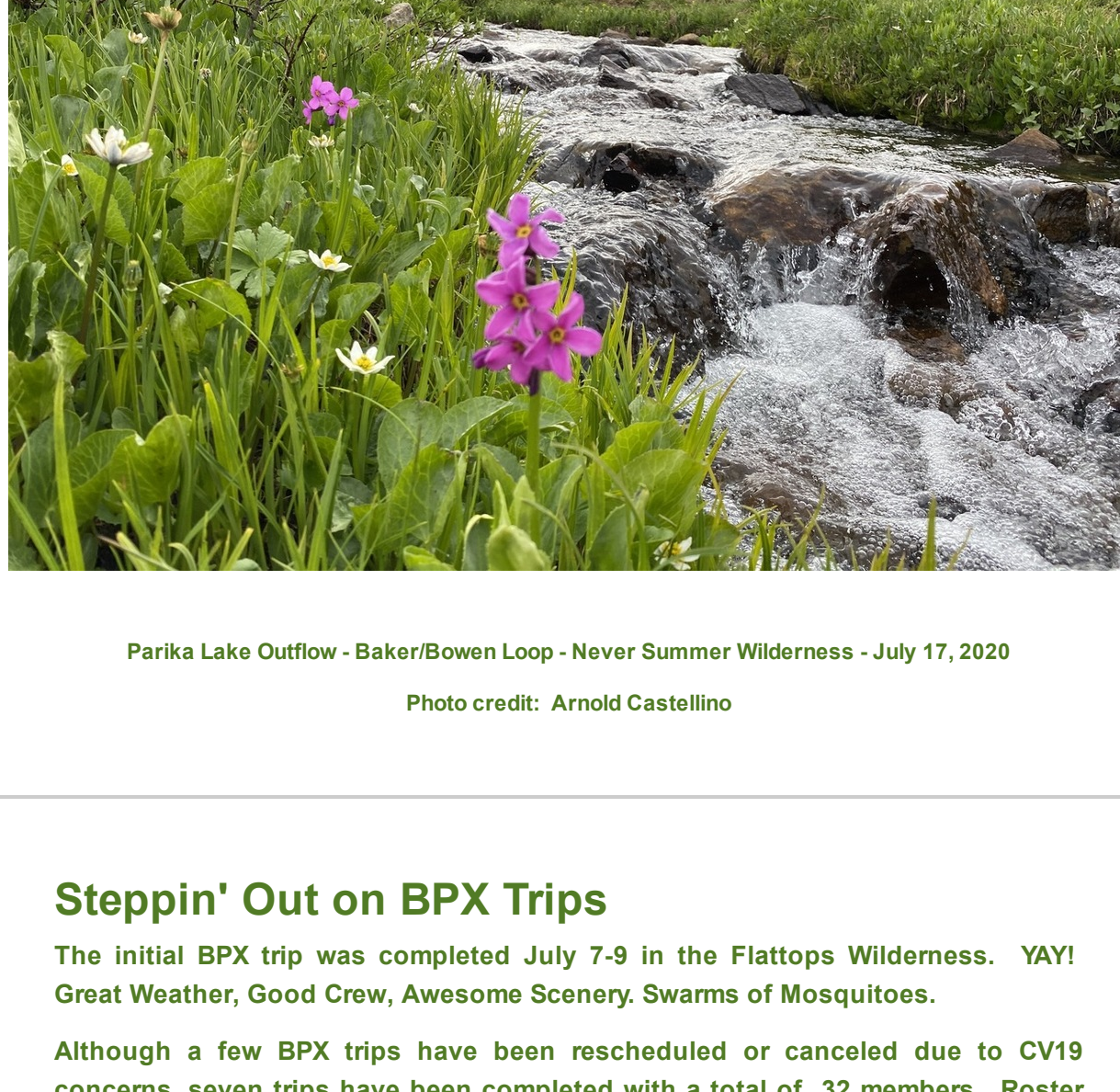


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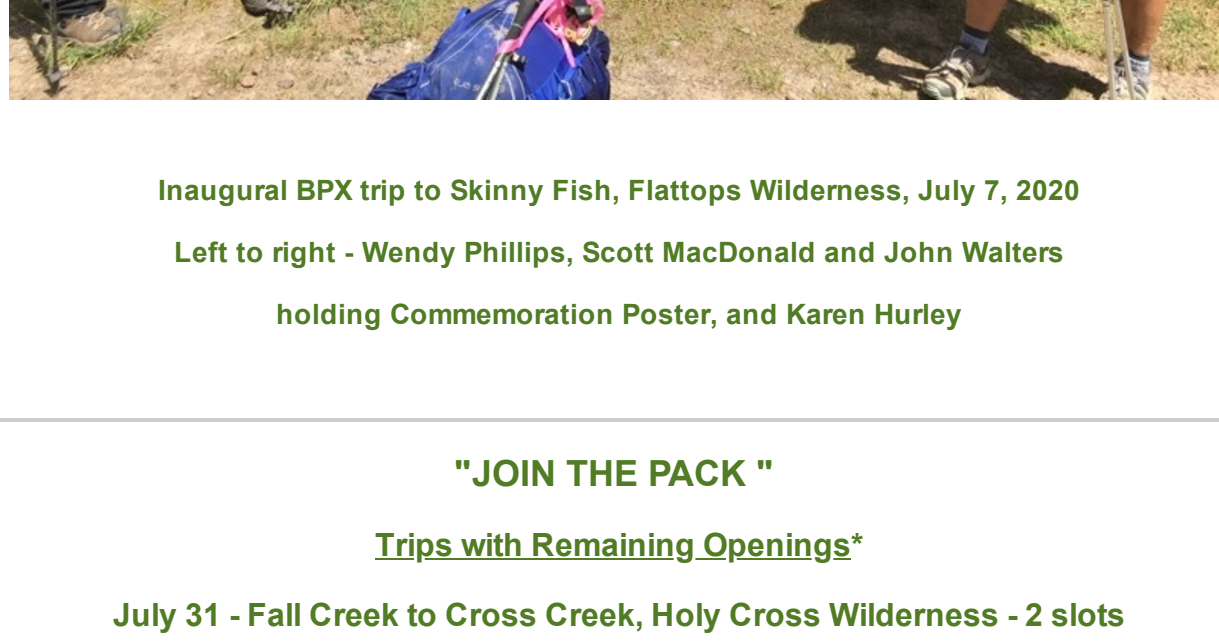


Parika Lake Outflow - Baker/Bowen Loop - Never Summer Wilderness - July 17, 2020  
Photo credit: Arnold Castellino

### 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 Mosquitoes.

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

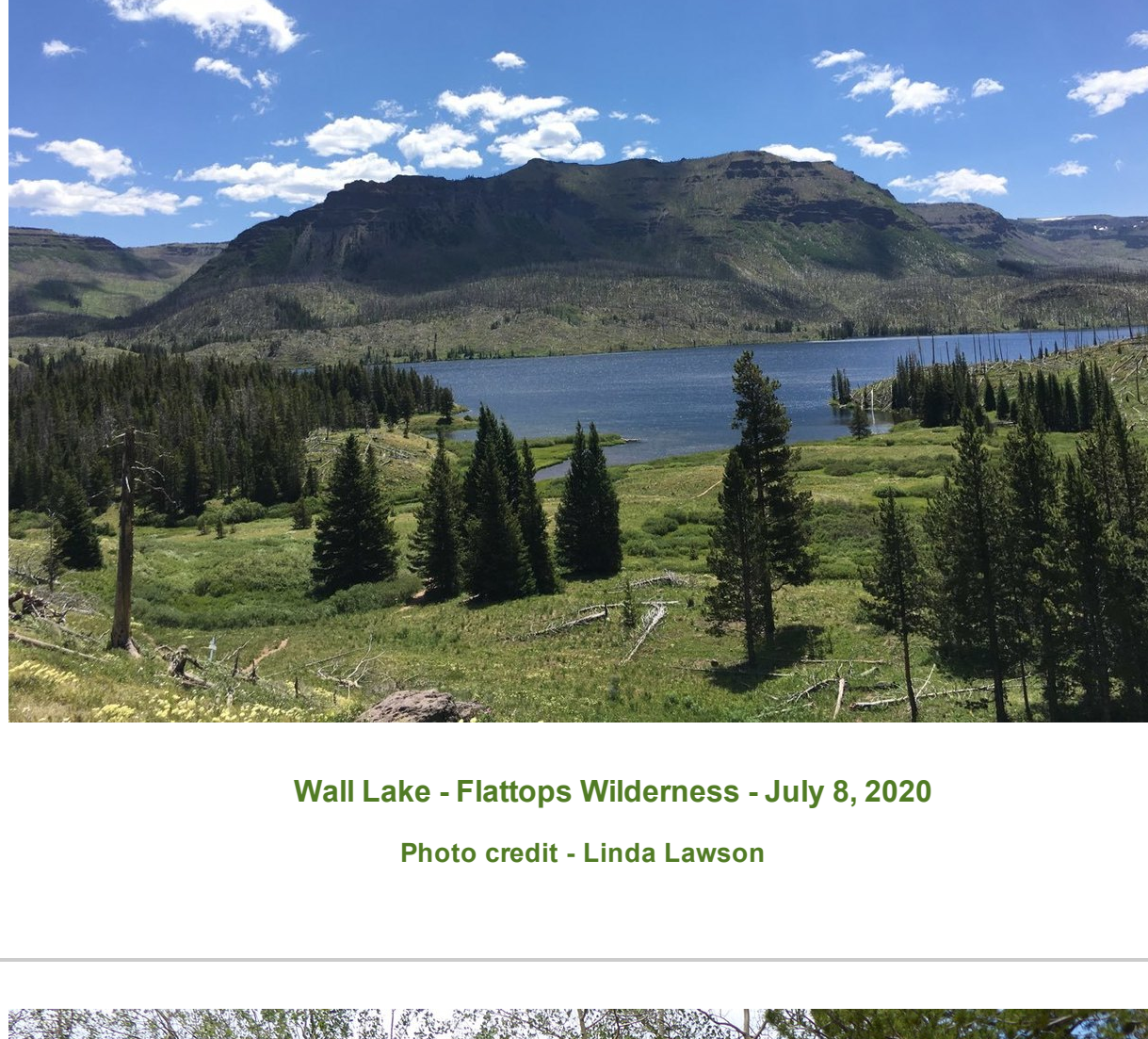
September 16 - Willow & Salmon Lakes

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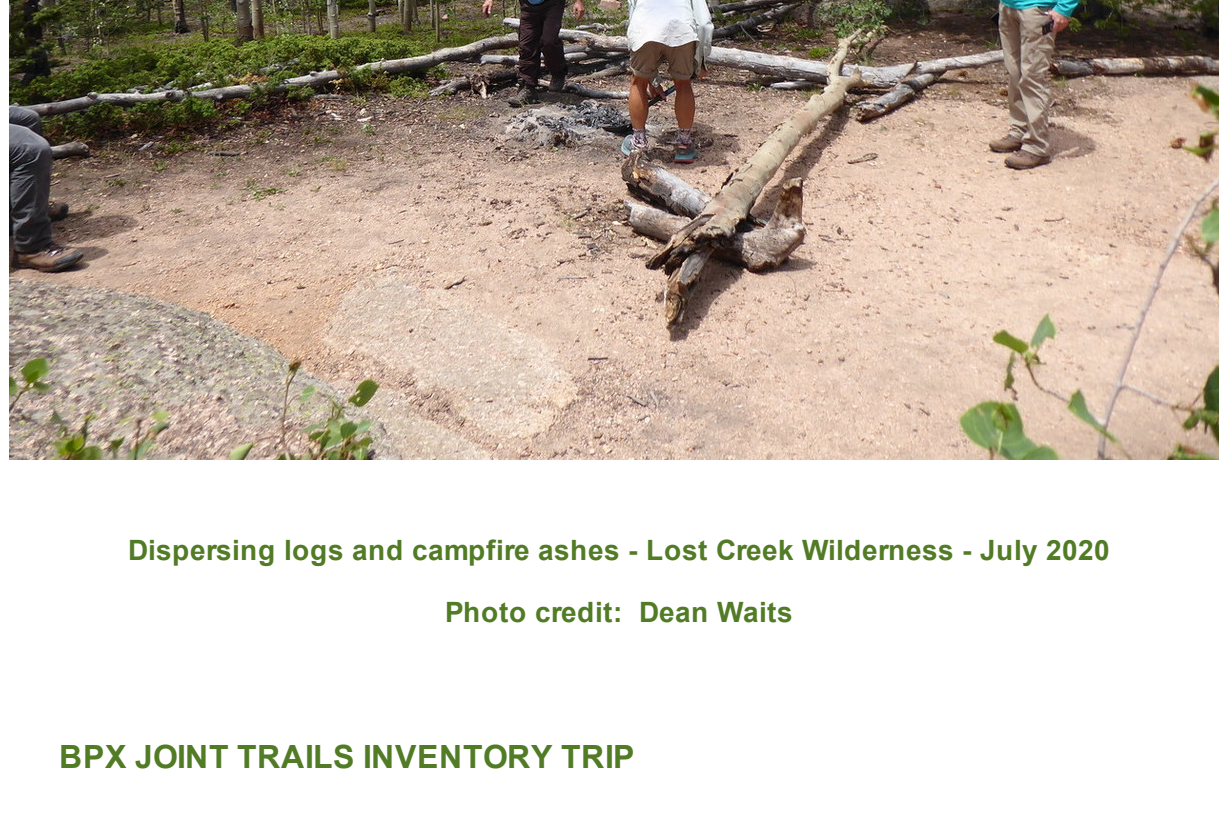
September 4 - Lost Lake, RMNP

October 20 - Wigwam Park, Lost Creek Wilderness

\* As of July 25th



Wall Lake - Flattops Wilderness - July 8, 2020  
Photo credit - Linda Lawson



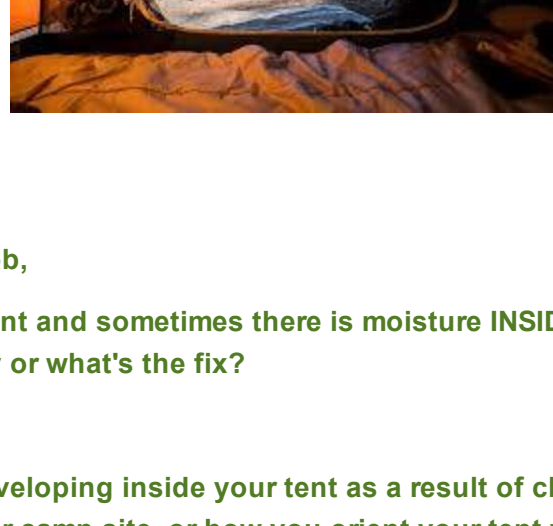
Dispersing logs and campfire ashes - Lost Creek Wilderness - July 2020  
Photo credit: Dean Waits

### BPX JOINT TRAILS INVENTORY TRIP

BPX Leader Dean Waits and Trails Inventory Chair Grover Cleveland teamed up with the USFS Pikes South Flatter Ranger District to complete a campsite evaluation 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 TH, surveying campsites, hiking up the Hankins Pass Trail and setting up a base camp in Lake Park. Data was collected and input into phones containing the USFS's 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 logs 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.



Dear Backpacker Bob,

I have a 3-season tent and sometimes there is moisture INSIDE my tent. Am I breathing too heavy or what's the fix?

Dear Backpacker,

Condensation is developing inside your tent as a result of choices you make when selecting your camp site, or how you orient your tent when you select your site.

Four steps to avoid or mitigate moisture inside your tent:

- Pitch your tent high and avoid grassy areas, especially near water
- Pitch your tent under trees where temps are usually warmer
- Orient your tent downwind or crosswind so the ventilation flap can remain open
- Pack a wicking towel or sponge to wipe down the tent's interior after it has been closed tightly against a storm

### Trip Leaders Needed

Want to aid in the Conservation Effort in Colorado's Wilderness Areas? Join the BPX Trails Inventory Trips in Lost Creek Wilderness. You lead the backpacking trip; Grover Cleveland, Trails Committee Chair, teaches participants about Trail Inventory activities including use of SURVEY 1 2 3, an app developed by the USFS, to record existing and potential campsites and trail obstructions.

Contact Grover Cleveland at groverc@att.net to express interest or Uwe Sartori, BPX Trip Leader Coordinator at BPX@gmail.com

Other trips needing leaders:

Bowen Lake - Never Summer Wilderness

Brady Lake; Charles and Mystic Lakes - Holy Cross Wilderness

Devils Causeway - Flattops Wilderness

Contact Uwe Sartori at BPX@gmail.com



Native Lake Loop - Mount Massive Wilderness- June 2020  
Photo credit: Janet Martel

### LIKE NUMBERS? LIKE DATA? LIKE BEING IN THE KNOW?

CMC's BPX Operating Committee has identified the need for a new research function to aid in producing quality services to our backpacking community. BPX has grown from zero to 1300 members in less than a year and needs to ramp up production of great backpacking experiences, as well as backpacking tips.

As a member of BPX's new research team, you can make significant contributions to the directions of growth and the future of backpacking at CMC. This volunteer position would be a natural for a retired CPA, MBA, or database manager with technology skills and a history of volunteering.

BPX Researchers do not have to be trip leaders and can be members of any CMC group. A quarter of BPX members are from CMC Groups outside Denver. You can work remotely from home, just like in the real world.

If interested, please contact Linda or John for more information.

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John Walters, BPX Committee Chair, bpxjohn@gmail.com



In the 108 years since its founding, the CMC has weathered some serious storms —two world wars, Spanish Flu, the Great Depression, the Vietnam War, the Cold War. These events were separated by decades, but they had something in common: the CMC survived each of them because of our dedicated community. Now we are in a new storm - the novel Coronavirus Pandemic. And we need your help. Will you help us weather this storm?

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"Join the Pack"

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