

Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour: Film Synopses 2014



A Boom with No Boundaries Andrew Satter, Jessica Goad ENERGY/CLIMATE CHANGE

The Bakken oil boom in North Dakota has brought much-needed jobs and economic development to the region. But the fast pace of the drilling has caused many problems, including industrial-scale impacts on Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the land surrounding it. (USA, 2013, 5 min)



A Brief History of the Scent Bag Tax Craig Schattner, Adam Walker, Emil Superfin SOCIAL JUSTICE/ACTIVISM

When your city is overflowing with plastic bags, how will you react? Jack Green, head of the Department of the Environment, is on a mission to rid the city of its plastic bag scourge. (USA, 2013, 2 min)



A Life Well Lived/Jim Whitaker Eric Becker ADVENTURE

Legendary Mountaineer Jim Whittaker talks risk, beauty, and adventure on the 50th anniversary of his historic summit of Everest. (USA, 2013, 4 min)



A World On Notice: Women at the front lines of Climate Change Terra Nyssa, Osprey Orielle Lake CLIMATE CHANGE

We are headed toward a potential 4 degrees Celsius rise in global temperature over the next decades that will create unprecedented havoc for our children and future generations. Women are no longer willing to stand by when so much is at stake. Women are on the front lines of Climate Change Solutions. Fierce and compassionate women worldwide are committed to making a difference in the urgency of climate

change. Join the journey as the Women's Earth and Climate Action Network (WECAN International) is heating up! (USA, 2013, 9 min)



America's Amazon
Mary Riser, Lynn Rabren, Ben Raines
WILDLIFE/NATURE

Paints a visually stunning documentary portrait of the Mobile-Tensaw Delta, an amazing watery world, and one of the continent's most diverse biological treasures. Through compelling descriptions of this rich river system's origins, history, and connections to plants, animals and man, we gain a deeper understanding of what is at stake as the population living around the Delta grows. (USA, 2013, 57 min)



negotiators. (Canada, 2013, 11 min)

An Inconvenient Youth

Slater Jewell-Kemker

ACTIVISM

An Inconvenient Youth captures the vibrant though under-reported story of the global youth climate movement. For too long, young people, the very people whose lives will be most affected by the consequences of climate change, have been condescended to or just plain ignored by governments, corporations, mainstream media and UN



2013, 27 min)

Backyard

Deia Schlosberg

ENERGY/CLIMATE CHANGE

Backyard tells the stories of five people in four states, all with very different backgrounds and perspectives, but all at odds with the natural gas extraction occurring around them. Despite their differences, unnerving similarities emerge from their shared experiences with the massive unseen entity that is "the industry." (USA,



(US, 2013, 10 min)

Beyond Reclaimed

James 'Q' Martin, Chris Cresci, John Tveten

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

The Flagstaff community becomes enlightened to the complex issues associated with the use of reclaimed water. Utilizing captivating footage of the city and interviews with local professionals, the film communicates the need for sound water policy and conservation in this Arizona town.



Buffalo Wild

Mike Mease, Buffalo Field Campaign

WILDLIFE/NATURE

This music video based on a poem by John Trudell takes you on the historical ride America's Buffalo have traveled. (USA, 2013, 4 min)



Cascada

Anson Fogel, Shannon Ethridge

ADVENTURE

Tangled vines. Endless rain. Dodgy hotel rooms. Mud. Biting flies. Aggressive viruses...Perfection. Is this a vacation? Erik Boomer, Tyler Bradt, Galen Volckhausen, Tim Kemple, Anson Fogel, Blake Hendrix and Skip Armstrong hunt the remote Mexican jungle for the perfect waterfall...and the perfect shot. Paddler and

cinematographer alike explore a world beyond the unexpected. (USA, 2013, 8 min)



COMPOST-a-lujah!

Christopher Paetkau, Trevor Gill

AGRICULTURE/FOOD

Let's face it: composting isn't the most glamorous of topics or activities. It can be dirty, rotten, and smelly. But it doesn't have to be. Meet Linda Olsen - master composter. (Canada, 2012, 3 min)



Damocracy

Todd Southgate, Tolga Temuge, Doga Dernegi

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

Damocracy is a short documentary that exposes the myth of dams as 'green' energy through two examples from Amazonia and Mesopotamia: the Belo Monte Dam in Brazil and the Ilisu Dam in Turkey.

The documentary shows the potential disasters these dams would cause on cultural heritage, wildlife and local communities who rely on the rich natural resources

provided by the Tigris and Xingu rivers. The film also questions the sanity of climate change solutions that depend on the destruction of 'the lungs of the Earth' and 'the cradle of civilization'. It is a call to action to save this priceless natural and cultural heritage being gambled for the interests of a few. No Awards (Brazil & Turkey, 2012, 34 min)



Down The Line

Francois-Xavier De Ruydts

ADVENTURE

A handful of dedicated Vancouverites are bringing a new outdoor sport to BC - Canyoneering. None of these canyons have ever been explored, and once in, the only way out is down. (Canada, 2012, 22 min)



Dying Green

Ellen Tripler

WILDLIFE/NATURE

Set in the foothills of the Appalachians, this film explores one man's vision of using green burials to conserve land. The efforts of one small town doctor have radically changed our understanding of burials in the US. (USA 2013, 23 min)



El Campo es Vida

Bridget Besaw

AGRICULTURE/FOOD

Javier Vera is a third generation gaucho living in Patagonia, Chile - a region that has deteriorated significantly due to agricultural use by previous generations of gauchos. While maintaining a traditional lifestyle, Javier is one of many young locals working in conservation-based tourism initiatives across Patagonia that are serving as new models for conserving the region's wild lands. (USA, 2013, 10 min)



Elk Grass Abbey Luck, Pete Van Leeuwen **JUST FOR FUN**

Told in an abstract and dreamy manner, this animated music video the viewer floats in and out through space around the lonely mountain, Elk Mountain, capturing the serenity and isolation inherent in nature. (USA, 2013, 2 min)



Environmental Lawyers and the Protection of Sharks Jeff Litton

WILDLIFE

Sharks are amazing animals that provide healthy ocean ecosystems, and a billion dollar dive industry. Yet 3 sharks are removed from our ocean every second, and Planet Earth can't keep up. While supply and demand mean life or death for shark species, this innovative film targets environmental lawyers as the key players to stop illegal fishing, and bring about environmental justice for sharks. (Ecuador, 2013, 13



Fall Run

Todd Moen

WILDLIFE/NATURE

Hooking and landing a steelhead on a fly is not easy. It is arguably the most difficult type of fly fishing in the world. This story belongs to the brave steelhead himself. He makes his way, half-way across the world with predators on his tail, safely to swim up this tiny inland river where he meets, in a brief encounter, two ecstatic anglers and a

very patient camera lens. One spectacular adventure always leads to another ... and this is it. (USA, 2013, 15 min)



Field Spotlight: Monique Pool

Peter Stonier, John Martin, Becca Field, Sebastian Perry

SOCIAL JUSTICE/ACTIVISM

Monique Pool, founder of the Green Heritage Fund Suriname, finds herself "slothified" after an area of forest in Suriname is cut down. Monique rescues more than 200 animals, mostly sloths, and brings them to an emergency shelter, which also happens to be her home. (Suriname/USA, 2013, 6 min)



Field Spotlight: Nan Hauser

Peter Stonier, John Martin, Becca Field, Sebastian Perry

SOCIAL JUSTICE/ACTIVISM

Nan Hauser is a marine biologist and Conservation International Marine Fellow who studies whales and dolphins. Discover how through love, devotion, and sheer force of personality Nan has been making a massive difference, using her research to keep the oceans blue. (Cook Islands/USA, 2013, 6 min)



Field Spotlight: President Anote Tong

Peter Stonier, John Martin, Becca Field, Sebastian Perry

SOCIAL JUSTICE/ACTIVISM

President Anote Tong of the Republic of Kiribati, a Pacific Island nation, is leading the formation of the Pacific Oceanscape — an action plan for marine conservation that impacts almost 40 million square kilometers (more than 15 million square miles), a territory larger than Canada, the United States and Mexico combined. (Kiribati/USA, 2012, 5 min)



Fighting For the Futaleufú

Stephanie Haig, Darrell Lorentzen

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

In the 1980's boaters successfully navigated the Futaleufu River in Chile, and ecotourism flourished, bringing vibrant opportunities and jobs to the community. Local activists and boaters now fight to preserve this unique river and its community ... a fight, too, for the future of Chilean Patagonia. (USA, 2013, 16 min)



FISHING PONO: Living In Harmony with the Sea

Mary Lambert, Teresa Tico

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

Native Hawaiians on the island of Molokai use traditional conservation methods to restore their fishing grounds. This inspiring story celebrates local fisherman Mac Poepoe and how one community turned the tide on a seemingly doomed resource. (USA, 2013, 26 min)



Fixing the Earth - One Watershed at a Time

Thomas B. Dunklin

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

The Yurok Tribe's Fisheries Program use ancient cultural ethics to manage and restore the Chinook and Coho salmon of the Klamath River. This film presents the historic context of the tribe's struggle to affirm their fishing rights and to fully participate in the management Klamath fisheries today and into the future. (USA, 2013, 19 min)



From the Ground to the Clouds

Denise Zmekhol

WILDLIFE/NATURE

Fifty years ago Jane Goodall set out to study the wild chimpanzees of Tanzania with little more than a pair of second-hand binoculars, some pencils and a notebook. Now her team uses mobile devices, satellite imagery and cloud-based mapping technologies to create a comprehensive picture of the conservation challenges in the

Congo Basin. This transformational approach to habitat conservation is part of a global effort to monitor natural resources ... and is giving hope to the survival of endangered chimpanzee populations. (Tanzania, 2013, 8 min)



From The Spawning Grounds

Thomas B. Dunklin

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

Plunge into the clear cold water of the Salmon River and get a fish-eye view of the river and its inhabitants. The underwater footage of salmon and steelhead is accompanied by a song and poem from Karuk artist Brian D. Tripp. (USA, 2011, 3 min)



climate change. (USA, 2013, 31 min)

Glacier Caves: Mt. Hood's Secret World

Ed Jahn, Amelia Templeton, Andy Maser, Steve Amen, Hayden Peters, Katie Campbell, Todd Sonflieth

WILDLIFE/NATURE

After rappelling 15 stories into a hole in Oregon's Sandy Glacier, adventurers encounter a mile of caves and tunnels laced with waterfalls, whitewater, towering ice sculptures and otherworldly light. It's the largest glacier cave system outside of Alaska ... but the caves are disappearing fast, as the Northwest's glaciers retreat due to



Gregg Treinish, A MoveShake Story

Alexandria Bombach

SOCIAL JUSTICE/ACTIVISM

National Geographic's Adventurer of the Year Gregg Treinish combined his passion for adventure, his deep interest and education in wildlife biology, and three seconds of courage to found Adventurers and Scientists for Conservation. A year of unpaid work and complete dedication was followed by a wave of support that is continuing to grow. (USA, 2013, 15 min)



Harvest of Shadows

Matt Black

AGRICULTURE/FOOD

California's has the nation's richest agricultural regions and an estimated 450,000 undocumented farm laborers currently work in the state. This short highlights the Central Valley's farm fields and small towns, sharing interviews that shed light on the lives of these communities of people. (USA, 2013, 8 min)



Hidden Rivers of Southern Appalachia

Jeremy Monroe, David Herasimtschuk

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

Biodiversity. It's in the rivers of the Amazon, the jungles of Borneo, the coral reefs of Belize... oh, and the creeks of Tennessee. That's right, southern Appalachia is a little-known hotspot for aquatic life and is home to some wildly diverse fish, mussels, salamanders, crayfish and other critters. Hidden Rivers takes an immersive look at the little-known creatures of these waters, their striking beauty and extreme vulnerability.

The films also reveal how some Southerners are finding new ways to explore and celebrate this precious life, and reminding us all that biodiversity is everywhere and rivers are always deeper than you think! (USA, 2013, 4 min)



High Altitude Fish Hunters

Sam Bricker, Nathan Ward, Claude DeMoss

ADVENTURE

Join adventurers as they hike above treeline with blow-up SUP boards and camo disguises all to fly-fish for Colorado's Greenback Cutthroats. (USA, 2012, 5 min)



Honor the Treaties

Eric Becker

SOCIAL JUSTICE/ACTIVISM

Photographer Aaron Huey fights for Native American rights on the Pine Ridge Reservation. The film explores the idea that journalists often "get the story wrong." (USA, 2012, 14 min)



I Am Red

Pete McBride

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

The Colorado River runs 1,450 miles across seven states and two countries supplying water for 36 million people. It flowed to the sea for six million years but has not kissed the ocean since the late 1990s. (USA, 2013, 4 min)



Idle Threat

George Pakenham, Kimball Tran

CONSERVATION/ACTIVISM

Idling engines consume more than 6 billion gallons of gasoline annually in the U.S., a significant but little-known contributor to local air pollution, respiratory disease and global climate change. Idle Threat is a lively look at one man's spirited struggle to improve public health by raising awareness about idling's impact, starting in New York City. Featuring Click and Clack from NPR's Car Talk, and Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Idle Threat profiles one man's challenging quest to make his city and the world a

healthier place, and shows that sometimes one person — and a simple act like turning a key — can make a big difference. (USA, 2012, 37 min)



Into The Mind

Eric Crosland, Dave Mossop, Malcolm Sangster

ADVENTURE

Experience the majesty of Alaska, Bolivia, the Himalaya and beyond, and dive into the mind of a common skier as he attempts the ultimate mountain. Why are we inspired to rise to the challenges in our lives and what do we learn on this journey to attain them? (USA, 2013, 12 min)



Long Live the King

Cory Luoma

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

Returning numbers of salmon have been dropping steadily, with multiple rivers and regions across the state seeing some of the lowest returns ever, forcing Alaska Fish and Game officials to close or severely limit fishing around the state, including on some of Alaska's most iconic rivers. In addition, what is starting to seem like an all-out war on salmon – mining, dams, hatcheries and the state government are all marching

forward in opposition of Alaska treasure salmon resource. For many, this is an attack on religion, not just a fish. (USA, 2014, 15 min)



Momenta

Andy Miller, Robin Moore, Jeremy Jones, Chris Steinkamp, Ed Lewis, Eric Wallis **ENERGY/CLIMATE CHANGE**

The Pacific Northwest is at a crossroads - do we go the way of dirty coal, or do we say 'NO!'? The choice is clear: It's time to embrace innovation, move away from fossil fuels, and ignite the clean energy economy. (US, 2014, 38min)



My First Fish Ben Galland KID FILMS

A boy catches his first fish. After an epic battle, the boy has a chance to hold the fish and once they make eye contact, the memory is etched into the child's brain forever instilling a connection to the wild and the foundation for environmental stewardship. (USA, 2013, 7 min)



Nord for Sola (North of the Sun)

Inge Wegge, Jørn Nyseth Ranum, Anne Bergseng

ADVENTURE

Norwegians Wegge and Ranum spent 9 cold months on a remote arctic island by the coast of Northern Norway. They had little food and meager shelter, they did bring with them items of utmost importance: their surfboards. The remote bay holds a well-kept secret; some of the world's finest surfing waves. (Norway, 2012, 46 min)



One Day in Yosemite

Steven M. Bumgardner

WILDLIFE/NATURE

On a summer Tuesday thirty filmmakers spread throughout Yosemite to document the national park and the people who work and play there. Hikers, hang gliders, painters and cooks help create this unique portrait of One Day in Yosemite. (USA, 2013, 15 min)



Paramos: Water for Life

John Martin

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

At 2,640 meters, Bogotá, Columbia's capital, is home to more than eight million people who depend on the surrounding mountains for their water. This ecosystem is now threatened by mining, ranching, and large-scale agriculture, and millions could suffer if it is not conserved. (Columbia, 2012, 8 min)



Powell to Powell; Portraits of the Upper CO

Will Stauffer-Norris, Zak Podmore, David Spiegel, Carson McMurray **ADVENTURE**

In summer 2012, graduates from Colorado College walked, kayaked, and rafted from Rocky Mountain National Park to Lake Powell along the Colorado River. Along the way they talked to over 30 people involved in the Colorado - farmers, ranchers, water managers, professional rafters, conservationists, and more. Their journey is told in 5 chapters. (USA, 2013, 24 min)



Push It

Jen Randall

ADVENTURE

Two women prepare for their first ever big wall - El Capitan in Yosemite, which goes far from smoothly from start to finish. Along the way, we visit climbing heroines for inspiration - and we overcome broken bones, awful weather, a lack of funds and several crises of confidence. (USA, 2013, 34 min)



Raptor Blues

Ian Timothy

KID FILMS

A musical stop motion animation explaining the dangerous effects of rodenticides on birds of prey in a way that everyone can understand. (USA, 2013, 2 min)



Restoring Hope

Kris Millgate

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

Watershed restoration. It's evolving into more than just a water issue across the country. Walkways, wildlife, willows. They are all rearranging from the roads to the river. Jackknife Creek in Southeast Idaho is the poster child for this evolution. It's where everything is considered when everyone works together to restore hope. (USA, 2012, 14 min)



Return to the Tepuis
Joe Riis, Jenny Nichols
WILDLIFE/NATURE

"I hear the most beautiful sound in the world," says Dr. Bruce Means ... referring to the call of a toad that he and his expedition team travelled to the tops of South America to find. (Guyana/USA, 2013, 9 min)



Reynaldo
Dan Childs, Nick Werber
SOCIAL JUSTICE/ACTIVISM

Reynaldo lives in the Amazon Rainforest. He used to cut down trees and farm the land to survive. He learned the hard way that it was not a sustainable way to live. He saw his land turn barren and his crops die. Then he woke up. He changed the way he worked and began planting trees. Then he learned how to farm in balance with the forest. Now he travels all over the region helping others to do the same. Finally he

sees the true beauty in the forest and the message it has to offer. (UK/Peru, 2013, 6 min)



Right Now: Living with Mountain Lions
Rob Whitehair, Zara McDonald
WILDLIFE/NATURE

This music video is an urgent wake up call to spotlight public apathy towards mountain lions. It challenges us to consider and respect the wild animals around us as we--and they-- go about our daily lives. (USA, 2013, 5 min)

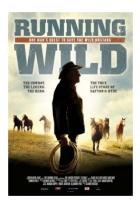


Hal Clifford, Jason Houston

JUST FOR FUN

How do big wall climbers get their start? With little walls, of course. This m

How do big wall climbers get their start? With little walls, of course. This may be the case for 8-year-old climber Kathrin Houston who convinces her father to build a climbing wall in the other half of their small two-car garage. (USA, 2013, 5 min)



Running Wild: The Life of Dayton O. Hyde Suzanne Mitchell

ACTIVISM/CONSERVATION

The inspiring story of a remarkable cowboy who triumphs in his quest to protect wild horses and the prairie lands of the American West. From cattle drives, rodeos, conservation battles, personal heartbreak and new-found love, this film is an inspirational journey that assures each of us that we can truly make a difference if we try. (USA, 2013, 92 min)



Ryan's Stories

Anson Fogel, Aimee Tetreault, Camp4 Collective

ADVENTURE

Living in poverty for as long as he remembers, Ryan Hudson grew up in and out of homeless shelters. At 14, Ryan was introduced to snowboarding through Outdoor Outreach, a non-profit organization dedicated to using outdoor activities to empower at risk youth, and his life took a 180. Now competing as a semi pro athlete and serving

as a brand ambassador for The North Face, Ryan's story shares just how transformational the outdoors can be. (USA, 2013, 7 min)



Sacred Headwaters

Paul Colangelo

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

The shared birthplace of three salmon rivers in Northern Canada, the traditional territory of the Tahltan First Nation, and home to an incredible ecosystem of large mammals, the Sacred Headwaters is at risk of losing all that makes it sacred to resource extraction. (Canada, 2012, 4 min)



Sage Steppes: 800 Miles on the Oregon Desert Trail

Oregon Natural Desert Association, Wahoo Films

ADVENTURE

Join expert long-distance hiker Sage Clegg as she becomes the first person to journey for 800 miles across the newly created Oregon Desert Trail, from the center of the state to nearly the Idaho border. The Oregon Natural Desert Association, a nonprofit conservation organization, created the trail to highlight that Oregon is a desert state home to great beauty and some of the best untouched wildlife habitat in the West. Enduring heat and hail over mountains, across rivers and through canyons, Sage concludes that to know the high desert is to love it. And she embraces that not only is

Oregon more than its moss-dripped image; it's also filled with desert wonders worthy of protection. (USA, 2013, 9 min)



Shifted

Matt Butterworth, Eric Marciniak

ADVENTURE

Featuring up and coming mountain bike riders in British Columbia; we follow them throughout the province and down into the US. (Canada, 2013, 35 min)



SLOMO

Josh Izenberg, Amanda Micheli

JUST FOR FUN

Depressed and frustrated with his life, Dr. Kitchin abandons his career as a neurologist and moves to Pacific Beach. There, he undergoes a radical transformation into SLOMO, trading his lab coat for a pair of rollerblades and his IRA for a taste of divinity. (USA, 2013, 16 min)



Snows of the Nile

Nathan Dappen, Neil Losin

ENERGY/CLIMATE CHANGE

Uganda's Rwenzori Mountains rise 5000m from the heart of Africa. At their summits are some of Earth's only equatorial glaciers ... but they are changing fast. Follow two scientist/photographers in their goal to retrace the steps of the legendary 1906 expedition and re-capture historical glacier imagery in order to visualize the impacts of a century of climate change. (USA 2013, 20 min)



STAND

Anthony Bonello, Nicolas Teichrob

SOCIAL JUSTICE/ACTIVISM

With a pipeline proposal always comes talk of what will be gained – but shouldn't we be asking, 'What do we stand to lose?' A hauntingly beautiful examination of the people and culture of the Great Bear Rainforest– and the lives of those committed to defending its fragile ecosystems. (Canada, 2013, 46 min)



Stories of Trust: Calling for Climate Recovery from Iowa

Kelly Matheson, Deia Schlosberg

ENERGY/CLIMATE CHANGE

Glori Dei Filippone, a 13-year-old from lowa, is many things, including an actress, singer, athlete, and big sister. But most importantly, she is a connector. Glori's story of strength and perseverance as she advocates at the agency level and in the courtroom to ensure we take care of the one and only atmosphere we have. (USA, 2012, 7 min)



Stories of Trust: Calling for Climate Recovery from Massachusetts

Christi Cooper-Kuhn, Kelly Matheson, Deia Schlosberg, Sean Solowiej, Katie Lose Gilbertson

ENERGY/CLIMATE CHANGE

Since the age of 13, Eshe has been giving speeches and starting petitions in the hopes of showing that we can change our patterns by listening to the diversity of voices and ideas, including youth. She believes that if the government listens with the intention

of acting, then we will be able to repair our climate system. (USA, 2012, 9 min)



Stories of Trust: Calling for Climate Recovery from Montana ENERGY/CLIMATE CHANGE

John Thiebes, a 24-year-old beginning farmer, shares that one of the most important moments in his life was when he realized climate change was real. He believes that the value of a stable climate is not worth something, but is worth everything, and John is leading by example on his small farm in the heart of Montana. (USA, 2011, 7 min)



Tahoe Time 1.5
Justin Majeczky
JUST FOR FUN

The beauty and essence of Tahoe is addictive. Experience Tahoe over 14 months. This short film is the next best thing to being there. (USA, 2012, 5 min)

TEAM Network: Badru's StoryBenjamin Drummond, Sara Joy Steele

WILDLIFE/NATURE

Each year 60 camera traps are set in the rugged forests of Bwindi Impenetrable National Park in Uganda. This team of scientists has collected over one million images of mammals and birds to help guide conservation efforts. (USA, 2013, 6 min)



Tell It on the Mountain - Stories of the Pacific Crest Trail

Lisa Diener, Shaun Carrigan

ADVENTURE

Tell it on the Mountain is part adventure film, part documentary, and part video journal. It follows a diverse cast of characters as they undertake a life-changing journey along the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT), a string of trails running from the US Mexico border, through the heart of California, Oregon and Washington, and ending 7

miles into Canada. (USA, 2013, 119 min)



The Great Vacation Squeeze

John de Graaf, David Fox, Diana Wilmar, Greg Davis

CULTURAL

The US is the only rich country without a law requiring paid vacation time for workers, and American vacations, already among the shortest in the world, are getting shorter. Beautifully photographed in Yosemite National Park, Europe and Washington State, this film makes the case for more vacation time, using personal stories, humor and

expert commentary. (USA, 2013, 27 min)



The Joy of Air

Bryan Smith, Fitz Cahall

ADVENTURE

"Leave the ground beneath your feet, Rise up, your inner legend greet. A body in motion – Twisting, turning, churning, yearning –Apex found, heaven bound. But remember, what goes up must come down. (Canada, 2013, 4 min)



The Lost FishJeremy Monroe, David Herasimtschuk

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

One of the Pacific Northwest's oldest fish is disappearing, and along with it the sacred place it holds among many American Indian Tribes. For a species that has squeezed through most of the earth's great extinctions, the sharp declines in Pacific Lamprey populations are a signal of how severely we have changed river ecosystems. (United States, 2013, 24 min)



The New Environmentalists: Marshland Dreams

John Antonelli, Andrew Black, Todd Miro'

ACTIVISM/CONSERVATION

Iraq's Mesopatamia Marshes had been a vital life force for centuries until Saddam Hussein destroyed them with a devastating military maneuver. Azzam Alwash has taken on the challenge of restoring the marshes to their original splendor. (USA/Iraq, 2013, 4.5min)



The New Environmentalists: Zero Sum Game Will Parrinello, James Iacona, Quinn Costello

ACTIVISM/CONSERVATION

Elementary school teacher Rossano Ercolini began a public education campaign about the dangers of incinerators in his small Tuscan town that grew into a national Zero Waste movement across Italy, eventually spreading throughout Europe. (USA/Italy, 2013, 4.5min)



The New Environmentalists: Fractured Wilderness

John Antonelli, Andrew Black, Todd Miro'

ACTIVISM/CONSERVATION

Jonathan Deal is leading a concerted campaign against a fracking project that threatens the Karoo, where sparse desert and majestic mountains converge to create an agriculture heartland and flourishing wildlife reserves in South Africa. (USA/S.Africa, 2013, 4.5min)



The New Environmentalists: The Disposables Will Parrinello, Vicente Franco, Quinn Costello ACTIVISM/CONSERVATION

Unfazed by powerful political opponents and a pervasive culture of violence, Nohrah Padilla organized the marginalized waste pickers to make recycling a legitimate part of Bogota Colombia's waste management system. (USA/Colombia, 2013, 4.5min)



The New Environmentalists: Weaving A Movement John Antonelli, Barry Schienberg, Todd Miro'

ACTIVISM/CONSERVATION

When Indonesian marble mining companies began to exploit the pristine mountains surrounding her West Timor homeland, Mama Aleta Baun organized the villagers in a weaving protest that lasted months and received international recognition. (USA/Indonesia, 2013, 4.5min)



The New Environmentalists: A Change In The Air Tom Dusenbery, Andrew Black, Quinn Costello ACTIVISM/CONSERVATION

A mother of three led her Chicago community in a successful campaign to shut down two of the country's oldest and dirtiest coal fired power plants — Kimberly Wasserman is now transforming those sites into parks. (USA, 2013, 4.5min)



The Price of Sand
Jim Tittle
SOCIAL JUSTICE/ACTIVISM

The frac sand mining boom in Minnesota and Wisconsin is due to a rapid increase in demand for pure silica sand, which has become a valuable commodity, and mines are opening here at a rapid rate. Silica is used for glass manufacturing and toothpaste, and has been mined for years, but new demand for silica for fracking has caused new companies to arrive, and land with accessible silica deposits is selling for high prices.

In addition to a bonanza for a few lucky landowners, the new mines promise jobs and economic stimulus for the small towns and rural areas nearby. (USA, 2013, 56 min)



The Scared is Scared Bianca Giaever KIDS FILMS

I asked a six year old what my movie should be about, and this is what he told me. (USA, 2013, 8 \min)



The Squeakiest Roar

Maggie Rogers

KID FILMS

The Squeakiest Roar tells the story of a little lion called Bapoto. He is desperate to have a big, loud roar like his brothers and sisters, but every time he tries, Bapoto makes a very different sound. His roar is high and squeaky.

Saddened, Bapoto decides he will never roar again. Until one day he stumbles across an animal choir, who help Bapoto realize the beauty of his unique, squeaky roar. 1st Prize, for Best Animated Short Film at the Chicago International Children's Film Festival, 2012. (England, 2010)



The Story of Solutions

Louis Fox, Erica Priggen, Annie Leonard, Jonah Sachs, Ruben DeLuna

SOCIAL JUSTICE/ACTIVISM

We're told to cheer a growing economy – more roads, malls, and Stuff! – even though our health indicators are worsening, income inequality is growing, and polar icecaps are melting.

But what if the goal of our economy wasn't more, but better – better health, better

jobs, and a better chance to survive on the planet? (USA, 2013, 9 min)

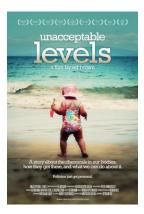


The Strong People

Heather Hoglund, Matt Lowe

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

2011 marked the beginning of a three-year river restoration project on the Elwha River in Washington State, with the removal two dams, and its effects on the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe. The intricate histories of the Tribe and the River weave together a story of ecological restoration and cultural integrity. (USA, 2013, 35 min)



Unacceptable Levels

Ed Brown

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Today, we have over 80,000 chemicals in our system of commerce and shockingly, there are few limitations on these at this time, and our bodies are being forced to deal with them every single day. On average, all of us have over 232 industrial chemicals floating around in our bodies, and the research is showing that this is now a huge reason for concern. Unacceptable Levels has been designed to delve into this issue from twelve distinct angles, to provide audiences with information that they may not be aware of, and significant change must be taken. From health care to regulations, we explore every angle of this issue to provide others with the big picture so people can make up their own minds to determine what is acceptable in their own lives. (USA, 2013, 76 min)



Uranium Drive-In

Suzan Beraza, Michelle Maughan, Judith Kohin

SOCIAL/ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Uranium Drive-In follows a proposed uranium mill in southwestern Colorado – the first to be built in the U.S. in 30 years — and the emotional debate pitting a population desperate for jobs and financial stability against an environmental group based in nearby a resort town. Without judgment, both sides of the issue are brought to life in heart-wrenching detail as the film follows conflicting visions for the future.

The film offers no easy answers but aims instead to capture personal stories and paint a portrait of the lives behind this nuanced and complex issue. (USA, 2013, 70 min)



Vultures of Tibet

Russell O. Bush, Elisabeth Oakham, Annie Bush

CULTURAL

In rapidly developing Western China a sacred ritual where the bodies of Tibetan dead are fed to wild griffon vultures is a popular tourist attraction. This intimate window reveals the current state of ideological issues in Tibet today - exploring a world in which nature and culture, humans and animals, spirituality and politics are all interconnected. (USA, 2013, 19 min)



Walk On Water

Andy Maser

ADVENTURE

Having been paralyzed from the waist down in a ski accident, Greg Mallory finds new life through whitewater kayaking. Greg's story is a celebration of the spirit that lives within each of us. (USA, 2013, 5 min)



Water & Wood

Jeremy Monroe, David Herasimtschuk

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

After more than a century of 'cleaning' dead wood out of our rivers, we have accidentally removed critical life support systems needed for salmon and many other river creatures... and it's now time for some heavy lifting. Water & Wood shows how far some restoration groups are going to get this important habitat element back into rivers. Captured as part of the forthcoming film Willamette Futures. (USA, 2013, 4 min)



We Are Rhino

Spencer Austin

WILDLIFE/NATURE

The eccentric millionaire farmer who wants to legalize trade so he sells the horns of his 800 rhinos. The angry American anti-poaching soldier who wants to wipe poachers off the face of the planet. The emotional rhino sanctuary owner who wants to personally protect every living rhino. 3 VERY different people. 3 VERY different

ideas. 1 BIG question... ... HOW CAN WE SAVE THE RHINO? (UK, 2013, 21 min)



Who Rules the Earth?

Paul Steinberg, animated by 11 students at CalArts

CULTURAL

Who Rules the Earth? uses animation to bring to life the most important idea to emerge from the social sciences over the past century: how social rules shape our planet and our lives. Combining science, beauty, and activism within a compelling narrative, Who Rules the Earth? brings the audience on a discovery adventure quite

unlike any other. Written by Paul Steinberg, a professor of environmental politics at the Claremont Colleges and award-winning author, the film was animated by ten students from the California Institute of the Arts, each of whom offers a unique visual interpretation of this political coming-of-age story. Who Rules the Earth? is part of The Social Rules Project, a multi-media initiative involving over 100 students from six colleges in the Los Angeles area in an effort to inform and inspire. (USA, 2014, 10 min)



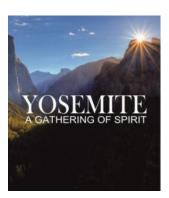
Wings of Life

Louie Schwartzberg, Alix Tidmarsh

WILDLIFE

Wings of Life launches into the stories of selected animal characters—a bat, a hummingbird, a butterfly, and a bee—stories that reveal the extraordinary importance of flowers and their pollinator partners. Though we primarily associate flowers with beauty, we often don't realize how essential they truly are—that without flowing plants and their winged messengers, and the foods they produce, we humans might

not survive. Using special cinematic techniques, we explore the mystical intersection of the animal and plant worlds where life regenerates itself over and over again. It's this seductive dance that feeds the earth, and today that dance is threatened. (USA, 2013, 80 min)



Yosemite: A Gathering of Spirit Ken Burns, Dayton Duncan

WILDLIFE/NATURE

150 years ago, the landmark federal act, The Yosemite Grant, signed by Abraham Lincoln, forever preserved the Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Visionary Americans like Lincoln, Muir and Roosevelt understood that the wonders of the American wilderness are not only our inheritance, but our responsibility. Yosemite Conservancy partnered with renowned filmmakers, Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan to bring this amazing time in America's conservation history to life. (USA, 2013, 25 min)