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36 Inches

James Parker, Matt Diamond, Elan Levy | 7 min.

A recovering apathetic millennial embarks on a journey of discovery to understand the proposed Jordan Cove Energy Project, a \$7.6 billion natural gas export project through Southern Oregon; the first of it's kind in the Western US.



62 Years

Logan Bockrath | 2015 | 9 min.

The last time Ken Brower traveled down the Yampa River in Northwest Colorado was with his father, David Brower, in 1952. This was the year his father became the first executive director of the Sierra Club and joined the fight against a pair of proposed dams on the Green River in Northwest Colorado. The dams would have flooded the canyons of the Green and its tributary, Yampa, inundating the heart of Dinosaur National Monument. With a conservation campaign that included a book, magazine articles, a film, a traveling slideshow, grassroots organizing, river trips and lobbying, David Brower and the Sierra Club ultimately won the fight—ushering in a period many consider the dawn of modern environmentalism. 62 years later, Ken revisited the Yampa & Green Rivers to reflect on his father's work, their 1952 river trip, and how we will confront the looming water crisis in the American West.



A Dam Problem

Upper Deschutes Watershed Council, Wahoo Films | 2015 | 6 min.

Building successful relationships takes time but those relationships are the key to completing a successful dam removal and floodplain restoration project near Sisters, OR, that benefited farmers, fish and the surrounding ecosystem.



A Line Across The Sky

Josh Lowell, Peter Mortimer, Nick Rosen, Zachary Barr | 40 min.

The Fitz Roy Traverse is one of the most sought after achievements in modern alpinism: a gnarly journey across seven jagged summits and 13,000 vertical feet of climbing. Who knew it could be so much fun? Join Tommy Caldwell and Alex Honnold on the inspiring — and at time hilarious — quest that earned the Piolet D'or.



A Line in the Sand

Chris Jordan-Bloch | 2015 | 5 min.

When three power plants began to dump their waste, known as coal ash, on a rural community in Pennsylvania, they thought no one would notice. They were wrong. Gary Kuklish, a retired coal miner in La Belle, PA tackles a problem that is endemic to the entire coal industry.



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ĀINA: That Which Feeds Us

Josh Thome, David Mossop | 2015 | 23 min.

The best-kept secret on Kauaʻi isn't a secluded beach or surf spot, it's that four of the world's largest chemical companies use the island for open-air testing of pesticides on genetically modified crops. Contrasting this is the traditional agriculture system that allowed Hawaiians to live in abundance for over a thousand years with roughly the same population as today.



An Education, A Father-Daughter Trip of Discovery

Mike Libeck, Mike Schirf, Fitz Cahall | 2014 | 9 min.

National Geographic Explorer Mike Libeck tackles his 58th expedition with his 11 year old daughter, Lilliana, for her first skiing expedition to Antarctica. Neither had any idea of the magic, power and beauty they would encounter that would change their lives forever...



Art For Change

Will Parrinello, Mill Valley Film Group | 2015 | 7 min.

Facing heavy government scrutiny, Myint Zaw, an accomplished photojournalist, launched a series of art exhibits that influenced the government to stop construction of the Myitsone Dam on Myanmar's treasured Irrawaddy River.



Avaatara: The First Route Out

Red Bull ASP in association with Novus Select | 6 min.

David Lama achieves first ascent of the Baatara gorge in Lebanon. "If you travel roads that have already been discovered, you are basically always just following. But if you go somewhere where no one's ever been and do something no one's ever done, you're on the lead and that's one thing that I really like." David Lama's guiding philosophy has already taken him to the most impressive mountain ranges of the world and, more recently, to the Baartara gorge in Lebanon. A surreal 'Avatar'-like landscape, unexploited and untouched.



Bison – Yellowstone InDepth

Steven M. Bumgardner | 2015 | 7 min.

Yellowstone preserves the most important bison herd in the United States. Learn more about the near extinction and recovery of these remarkable animals, how they make it through harsh winters, and what their survival says about our ability to share the landscape with another species.



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Black Bears – Yosemite Nature Notes

Steven M. Bumgardner | 2015 | 9 min.

Hundreds of black bears make their home in Yosemite National Park and seeing a wild bear is a highlight of any trip to the park. Bears often remind us of ourselves, and the relationship between bears and humans is complex and changing as visitors and park managers strive to keep bears wild.



Bringing Back the Brooks: A Revival of the South's Trout

Jeremy Monroe, David Herasimtschuk | 2015 | 9 min.

A poetic look at a forgotten native of Appalachia, the Southern Appalachian Brook Trout, which is being brought back from the brink... by hand, bucket, and hoof.



Co2ld Waters

Jeremy Roberts | 11 min.

Five of the most respected names in the fly fishing world converge on a single creek in Montana to talk about their passion and to discuss the single biggest threat to their timeless pursuit, climate change. Can four million fly anglers make difference? Legendary fishermen, including Yvon Chouinard of Patagonia, believe it is possible.



Comes With Baggage: A Short History of Bicycle Travel from Boneshakers to Bikepackers

Dominic Gill, Nadia Boctor | 18 min.

This lighthearted history of bicycle travel in the Americas makes you want to sell all your possessions, quit your job and escape on a bike. Past and current footage, along with interviews of bike pioneers, makers and historians are combined to give a unique perspective on where bicycles can take you both physically and spiritually.



Connecting the Tracks: The Last of the Northern Jaguars

Christopher Barnes | 2015 | 13 min.

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Follow the life story of a Sierra Madre jaguar, Corazón, and how her isolated population is linked to sparse jaguars in the southwest United States. The film explores the link between two countries, a single biome, and the threats pushing the northern-most jaguar population to the brink of extinction.

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The Creature Show Episode 1: Salamander Rain

Jared Flesher, Christian Schuller | 2015 | 16 min.

On the first warm rain of early spring, salamanders march by the thousands to the vernal pools in which they breed. In New Jersey, this ancient amphibian rite has become a most deadly pilgrimage, as busy roads now crisscross the salamanders' migration routes. In this first installment of The Creature Show, witness the rain-drenched efforts of conservationists to get salamanders across the road in one piece.



Defendant 5

Heidi Lee Douglas | 2014 | 30 min.

Young filmmaker Heidi Lee Douglas goes to Tasmania to make a documentary about the destruction of the island's ancient forests. As anti-logging protests escalate, logging giant Gunns Ltd. reacts to public pressure by suing Heidi and 19 others for allegedly conspiring to destroy the company's business. When Heidi discovers Gunns wants to use her footage as evidence to support its claims, she faces a crisis of conscience. Heidi's response is to turn the camera on herself to document her personal struggle as she goes into battle against a corporation out of control.



Defined by the Line

Rebecca Cahall, Alex Lowther, Jimmy Hooper | 2015 | 7 min.

Josh Ewing began visiting the Bears Ears region of southeastern Utah to climb at Indian Creek and explore the local archaeology. But when he moved to the town of Bluff, he saw degradation from oil drilling, looting, and careless visitors. Ewing knew simply loving a place was no longer enough.



Denali

Ben Knight, Ben Moon, Skip Armstrong, Moonhouse | 2015 | 8 min.

There's no easy way to say goodbye to a friend, especially when they've supported you through your darkest times. Denali is the story of the relationship between photographer Ben Moon and his beloved dog, Denali. This short film is about friendship, loss and the beautiful fight for life.



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Diversity and Inclusion in Our Wild Places

Jason Fitzpatrick | 8 min.

A campfire discussion on improving the diversity of both the visitation and the employment within our parks and wild spaces happened last May in Yosemite National Park. A gathering of extraordinary people from non-profit agencies, land management bureaus and those involved in the movement to encourage more people of color to visit and seek careers in the outdoors brings light to important issues facing today's conservation movement and outdoor recreation.



Dredging Up A Solution

John Antonelli, Mill Valley Film Group | 6 min

Howard Wood, an amateur diver, restored the marine ecosystem in Lamlash Bay by establishing the first community-developed Marine Protected Area in Scotland. Narrated by Robert Redford, Dredging Up A Solution illustrates how an ordinary person can effect extraordinary change. Howard Wood is a true environmental hero who placed himself squarely in harm's way to battle intimidating adversaries while building strong grassroots support.



Emerald Waters of the Klamath-Siskiyou: Wild Rivers At Risk

Darren Campbell, Michael Dotson, KS Wild | 8 min.

In the heart of Southwest Oregon, the remote and rugged Kalmiopsis region is home to some of this country's most iconic Wild and Scenic Rivers. A hotspot of biodiversity where salmon and steelhead still thrive, these rivers and the communities that depend on them are threatened by industrial strip mining.



Eternally Wild

California Trout, Keith Brauneis Productions, Craig Ballenger | 2015 | 15 min.

The Smith River is a poster-child for how an entire watershed can be protected. Here there are no dams, no wretched clear-cut blocks, no mitigating hatcheries. Instead, ancient forest, including iconic redwood, cloaks canyon walls. But this pristine watershed is threatened by the Red Flat Nickel Corporation that applied to drill and test 59 locations over 4,000 acres on the pristine North Fork of the Smith River. This would pave the way for one of the largest nickel mines in the West.



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Faith Against Fracking

David Braun, Jessica Wohlander, Diana Mayoral, Bunker Seyfert, Tyler Burdenski | 2015 | 20 min.

This inspirational documentary explores the moral imperative to protect communities, the climate and our planet from extreme fossil fuel extraction practices like fracking. Prominent faith leaders and community members cite the Pope's Encyclical and other religious texts, highlighting the global call to take action at a critical moment in history when so much is at stake.



eXXpedition: Making the Unseen Seen

Jennifer Pate | 2015 | 41 min.

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Follow the journey of 14 women who sailed across the Atlantic Ocean on a scientific research mission to make the unseen seen – from the plastics and toxics in our oceans to those in our bodies. A story of sailing, science, female leadership, exploration, citizen engagement and the vital interconnections between human and environmental health – it aims to inspire hope for a healthier future.



Filtering A Plastic Ocean

Rory Banyard | 6 min.

Microplastics researcher Marc Ward invented of a low-cost tool to tackle marine microplastic pollution. The film highlights the problem of toxic microplastics and their effects on marine wildlife and human health while also showing how easily we can all participate in cleaning up our local beaches, and by extension, the ocean.



Flint

Michael Hanson, American Rivers | 5 min.

Celebrate the unique beauty and character of Georgia's Flint River through the eyes of three individuals – Robin McInvale, Jimmy Miller, and Paul DeLoach– and their special connections to this river that is the heart of the state's natural heritage.

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Flying Doors Off Over Baja California

Jeff Litton | 8 min.

Take the doors off your airplane, and join National Geographic photographer Ralph Lee Hopkins on an aerial photography expedition to capture the unparalleled beauty of Baja California. Conservation groups are using the images help preserve the region for future generations. iLCP, the International League of Conservation Photographers, collaborating with LightHawk and WildCoast, pool their resources to make this the largest aerial photography expedition to protect Baja California



Hanford: A Race Against Time

Trip Jennings | 5 min.

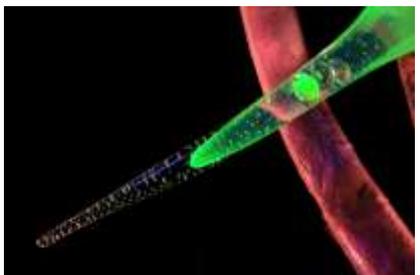
The Hanford Reach lies on the Columbia River past the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. The short film shares footage of the Hanford Reach and unique perspectives from experts at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Yakama Nation, Washington Department of Ecology, and others about the compelling case for fast, effective nuclear waste cleanup at Hanford.



In Current

Ryan Heffernan, Grayson Schaffer, Ben Knight, Talweg Creative | 5 min.

Rowing a dory in the Grand Canyon is considered by some as the most coveted job in the world. It can take 20 years of paying your dues to earn a seat on one of these legendary wooden boats. Amber Shannon has been boating the Grand Canyon nine years, trying to work her way from the baggage boat to a dory, while spending as many days possible in current.



Invisible Ocean: Plankton & Plastic

Emily V. Driscoll | 9 min.

'Invisible Ocean: Plankton & Plastic' follows NYC sci-artist Mara Haseltine as she create a sculpture to reveal a microscopic threat beneath the surface of the ocean. During a Tara Oceans expedition to study the health of the oceans, Haseltine finds an unsettling presence in samples of plankton she collected. The discovery inspires her to create a sculpture that shows that the microscopic ocean world affects all life on Earth. The film features Mara G. Haseltine, Christian Sardet (The Plankton Chronicles, TARA Oceans) and Mark Anthony Browne (Ecologist NCEAS).

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Joe

Andy Maser, Hayden Peters | 7 min.

National Geographic wildlife photographer Joe Riis reminds us that even those who have achieved it all still face many of the struggles that we all do. Joe celebrates how a man's love for the wilderness has helped to further curiosity, respect and protection for the natural world around us.



Kew Gardens: Beyond the Gardens – The Forgotten Home of Coffee

Simon Waldron, Sophia Doe, Shaun Spark, Lonelyleap | 6 min.

This is a story of guardianship over one of the world's most economically valuable crops, revealing the surprisingly fragile foundations that lie beneath the multi-billion pound industry, showing just how important Kew's scientific research is to securing the fate of our cup of coffee.



Leave It As It Is

Pete McBride, Kevin Fedarko, American Rivers | 3 min.

The Grand Canyon is one of the most iconic landscapes on the planet. But this natural masterpiece of the Colorado River faces a battery of threats. Unless the Department of the Interior acts to stop these threats, one of our nation's greatest natural treasures will be scarred forever.



Live Monumental

Erik Nelson | 2016 | 18 min.

Nine weeks and 7500 miles of canyons, petroglyphs, starry nights and breakdowns – KEEN Footwear's 1976 Live Monumental RV embarks on a classic American road trip to protect the places we play. Teddy Roosevelt is the guiding star urging citizens and a gridlocked political system to create lasting change through the creation of five new national monuments. As the RV heads home, the Live Monumental movement continues driving immense support from a passionate public responding to Teddy's message: "It is not what we have that will make us a great nation; it is the way in which we use it."



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Martin's Boat

Peter McBride | 24 min.

Honoring the legacy of Martin Litton, this film follows the newest boat in the Grand Canyon Dories fleet, the Marble Canyon, on its maiden voyage down the legendary Colorado River through the grandest canyon on Earth. Martin pioneered whitewater dories on the Colorado River in the 1960's and started a proud tradition of naming the boats after wild places that had been lost or compromised by the hand of man.



Mile for Mile

James Q Martin | 2015 | 15 min.

Ultrarunners Krissy Moehl, Jeff Browning and Luke Nelson run 106 miles through the newly opened Patagonia Park in Chile, to celebrate and highlight Conservacion Patagonica's efforts to re-wild and protect this vast landscape.



Mother of All Rivers

Will Parrinello, Mill Valley Film Group | 9 min.

Berta Cáceres rallied her indigenous Lenca people to wage a grassroots protest that successfully pressured the government of Honduras and the world's largest Chinese dam builder, SinoHydro, to withdraw from building the Agua Zarca Dam. Narrated by Robert Redford, this film illustrates how an ordinary person can effect extraordinary change. Berta is a true environmental hero who placed herself squarely in harm's way to battle intimidating adversaries while building strong grassroots support.



Nature Rx

Justin Bogardus, Jed Lazar, Joe Victorine, ©Dream Tree Film & Productions | 1 min.

This award-winning comedy series is about a struggle affecting many of us today. Set in the world of a spoofed prescription drug commercial, Nature Rx offers a hearty dose of laughs and the outdoors – two timeless prescriptions for whatever ails you. Side effects may include confidence, authenticity, remembering you have a body, and being in a good mood for no apparent reason. Nature-Rx is a grassroots organization, supported and funded by fans and believers in Nature Rx. Check out www.nature-rx.org and the #GetOutdoors movement for more information.



NOATAK: Return to the Arctic

Jason Fitzpatrick, Jen Serena, Ric Serena, Durand Trench, The Muir Project | 14 min.

35 years after their first visit to the Noatak River in Alaska's wild and spectacular Brooks Range, two adventurers in their 70's reflect on a lifetime of outdoor experiences and what still awaits them.



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One Woman Roadblock

Tom Dusenbery | 5 min.

A former tribal chief of the Xeni Gwet'in First Nation, Marilyn Baptiste led her native community in defeating proposed gold and copper mines that would have destroyed Fish Lake—a source of spiritual identity and livelihood for her people. Narrated by Robert Redford, *One Woman Roadblock* illustrates how an ordinary person can effect extraordinary change. Marilyn Baptiste is a true environmental hero who placed herself squarely in harm's way to battle intimidating adversaries while building strong grassroots support.



Osprey: Marine Sentinel

Jacob Steinberg, CosmoVision Media Group | 2013 | 14 min.

This is the first film in over thirty years starring what is arguably the world's most iconic and significant raptor: the osprey. Exclusive access, cutting-edge technology, and innovative cinematographic techniques provide a unique perspective and unprecedented intimacy into the dramatic story of a life-long pair, and the intrepid scientists who have spent a lifetime discovering what may be one of the most significant success stories of environmental conservation.



Our Canyon Lands

Justin Clifton | 34 min.

Home to a vibrant array of native american cultures, intact archaeological sites and some of the most stunning landscapes in the world, the Canyon Lands of Utah have become the playground of adventurous souls who love and appreciate the wonder of wild places. It has also become the target of greedy industrialists, who threaten to turn our treasured parks into islands, our canyons into roaring hydrocarbon highways and our rivers into endangered arteries among vast swaths of oil and gas development, uranium and potash mining bordering Canyonlands National Park.



Our Local Epic

Will Taggart, Aaron Pruzan, James Crowley | 47 min.

Flowing through one of North America's deepest canyons, filled with dangerous whitewater, the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone's sheer granite walls are a perfect place for a massive dam. Follow the story of this amazing river from the flight of the Nez Perce to the adventures of modern day explorers, as kayaking led to conservation and the Clarks Fork was saved from damnation as Wyoming's first Wild & Scenic River. Starring Yvon Chouinard, Lamar Empey, Rob Lesser, Mick Hopkinson, and Aaron Pruzan.



Paddle for the North

Simon Lucas, Scott Sinton, Alex Behse, Alex Reed, Wild Lens Productions | 33 min.

Deep in the Canadian North, six young men embarked on an epic adventure – 1500km, six rivers, three canoes, two months. It was going to be a mighty test of endurance, determination and friendship. But what they didn't expect was the impact of the stories from one First Nations family. This chance encounter showed the team, that the Peel Watershed debate is not just about protecting the environment, but also a way of life. A boys-own adventure turns into a mission to show the world why some places are worth preserving.

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Parker's Top 50 Favorite Things about Northwest Rivers

Skip Armstrong, American Rivers | 3 min.

This fun film celebrates the best things about Northwest rivers, from a kid's perspective. From sun, to rain, to waterfalls, to wild salmon, to time with mom, it's the rivers that make the Northwest such a special place.



Plant for the Planet

Lynne Cherry | 2015 | 6 min.

Eleven-year-old Felix Finkbeiner from Germany learned about climate change and how trees take up CO2. Inspired by Wangari Maathai, he founded Plant for the Planet which has now planted millions of trees. This and the other Young Voices for the Planet films document young people playing a vital role in catalyzing change in their homes, schools, communities... and the world.



Rabbit Island

Ben Moon, Moonhouse | 2015 | 6 min.

One man's quest to protect an island he loves leads him to ponder great questions: Is there an opposite to development? An antonym to subdivision? This film is a brief study of an island set on the majestic Lake Superior, and the artists who gather there for inspiration.



Racing with Copepods

Carlos Grana, Barbara McVeigh, Bazooka Mama Productions | 2014 | 19 min.

Featuring Dr. Sylvia Earle, twelve middle school youths take a race sailing course where they study the fastest animal on earth, copepods. In the process they connect with the natural marine world and become advocates for its well-being.



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Restoring Hope

John Antonelli, Mill Valley Film Group | 6 min.

Jean Wiener is reviving his country's drastically depleted marine life by restoring coral reefs, planting over a million mangrove trees and establishing the first Marine Protected Areas to combat deforestation and build coastal resilience. In a country plagued by extreme poverty and political instability, Wiener led community efforts to establish the Marine Protected Areas by empowering Haitians to see the long-term value in sustainably managing fisheries and mangrove forests. Narrated by Robert Redford, Restoring Hope illustrates how an ordinary person can effect extraordinary change.



Sagebrush Sisters

Oregon Natural Desert Association, Wahoo Films | 7 min.

Join three intrepid women, from ages 65 to 80, as they hike more than 50 miles following a pronghorn migration path across the high desert. The Greater Hart-Sheldon Region on the Oregon-Nevada border is a wildlife stronghold in the sagebrush sea, and these women hope to keep it that way.



Shadow of a Giant

Clark Ferguson, Lesley Johnson, Family Farms | 30 min.

Examine one of Canada's largest environmental disasters, Yellowknife's Giant Mine, through the community members who live on top of it, as they re-imagine a brighter future for what is currently a toxic legacy.



Skateboarding In Pine Ridge

Greg Hunt | 17 min.

In 2011, Walt Pourier, the Founder of The Stronghold Society, started work on the first skatepark in Pine Ridge, South Dakota. In 2015 with the help of Levis® Skateboarding, Vitalogy Foundation (Pearl Jam's non-profit organization) and Wounded Knee Skateboards they began building a new skatepark in the neighboring district of Manderson. This documentary explores the positive impact skateboarding is having on the Oglala Lakota children and the people of Pine Ridge and Manderson.



Soil Carbon Cowboys

Peter Byck | 12 min.

Many people talk about the cattle business as a big environmental problem. Cattle, when properly grazed, offer solutions to soil health, animal health, human health, water supply and food nutrition. It's a brave new world, and it's below our feet.



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The Accidental Environmentalist

Kristine Stolakis, Southern Exposure Film Fellowship | 12 min.

John Wathen was just an average guy until coming into contact with toxic chemicals, stumbling upon a video camera, and discovering his passion for protecting Alabama's waters.



The Fable of the Wolf

Charlie Cardillo, Maggie Caldwell, Chris Jordan-bloch | 3 min.

A long time ago wolves and men hunted together, but over time this relationship changed. This animated short explores the relationship between wolf and man and how that relationship has affected wild ecosystems.



The Fire Next Time

Kevin White, Stephen Most | 13 min.

When the Rim Fire burned 256,000 acres of the Stanislaus National Forest and Yosemite National Park in 2013, it exposed the impacts that high intensity wildfires are having on watersheds, wildlife, and carbon storage. It also forged a coalition of environmentalists, loggers, scientists, officials, and land managers who are responding to this megafire and recognize the need to forestall the next one.



The Fisherman's Son

Chris Malloy | 29 min.

Born and raised in a small fishing community in Chile, Ramón Navarro found his passion riding some of the biggest waves on the planet. From humble beginnings at Punta de Lobos, his skill and bravery in the ocean brought him national fame in his home country and made him a star in the surfing world. But today, his accomplishments in giant waves are just one part of a bigger vision to preserve the culture and environment of his beloved Chilean coast. The Fisherman's Son focuses on Ramón's rise to fame and how he's using his legend status in surfing to speak out for the protection of his lifelong home.

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The Importance of Lios

Dominique Edwards, Danielle Edwards | 8 min.

This is the story of a young earthworm named Lios who longs to know his place in the world. He spends many days alone in his room, reading books. Here he learns of lots of things but what he loves most is animals. Large, powerful animals that walk the earth above him. Lios feels unimportant, forgotten about in the soil, while larger animals like dogs and horses star in movies above ground. His father, Toor, wants so badly to show his son that earthworms are important too. He takes his son on a journey where Lios learns just how important their ecosystem is and that without it, there could be no life on Earth.



The Important Places

Forest Woodward, Brendan Leonard, American Rivers | 10 min.

As a father and son rediscover their connection through a journey down the Colorado River and in the Grand Canyon, this poignant short teaches us that although we may sometimes go astray — stuck in eddies and in life — the path back to the important places is never too far away.



The Last Dragons: Protecting Appalachia's Hellbenders

Jeremy Monroe, David Herasimtschuk | 2015 | 10 min.

An intimate glimpse at North America's Eastern Hellbender, an ancient salamander that lives as much in myth as in reality.... and in many waters, myths are all that remain of these stream-dwelling sentinels.



The Storm Downstream

Jesseca Simmons | 13 min.

Peter DeFranco, a born and raised Alabamian, tries to save his backyard lake from harmful sediment pollution caused by a large development site upstream. Although human eyes cannot penetrate the murky water, a special understanding comes through in one man's passionate attempt to save Scout Creek Lake, even if the end is not clearly in sight.



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The Thousand Year Journey: Oregon to Patagonia

Kenny Laubbacher | 2015 | 4 min.

Jedidiah Jenkins quit a job that he loved to ride his bicycle from Oregon to the southern tip of Patagonia. Friend and filmmaker Kenny Laubbacher joined him for a month and a half to pose the question “why?” Jenkins’ poignant answers are woven together with sun-soaked travel footage and shots of life on the move in this short film about shattering routines, staying open-hearted and keeping the flames of inspiration not just burning, but raging. The Thousand Year Journey is a paean to travel, adventure and, as Jenkins puts it, “turning your 100 years on this planet into 1,000.”



The Unknown Sea: A Voyage on the Salish

Kevin Campion, Shawnecee Schneider | 32 min.

Captain Campion shares his adventurous journey on the Salish Sea with a crew of teen researchers whom are poised to be the next generation of marine scientists and policy makers. The film is a fresh new look at a place with one foot still firmly rooted in tradition, and the other embracing future economic development. Captain Campion and his crew discuss the environmental threats that affect the health and sustainability of this finely balanced ecosystem.



The Way We Eat

Val Camp, Jeannine Glista | 10 min.

Sierra Harvest educates, inspires and connects families to fresh, local seasonal foods through farm to school education, training the next generation of farmers and supporting low income families in growing food at home. Their programs reach 92% of the K-8 students in Western Nevada County, CA. Prepare to get inspired by this regional model of food systems change.



The World Beneath the Rims

James Q Martin, Meredith Meeks | 2015 | 15 min.

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The impact of our great natural spaces on humankind has been undeniable since the days of Thomas Moran. Follow painter Bruce Aiken, writer Kevin Fedarko, and photographer Amy Martin as they are immersed in humility surrounded by the Grand Canyon’s immense power as they explore natural springs, towering vertical walls, and the silty Colorado River as it flows through one of Earth’s treasures, the Grand Canyon. Through this process, their artistic vision is awakened.



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To Slow Down and Breathe

Grant Thompson | 2014 | 3 min.

“I went for a walk... and found going out was going in,” once said a hairy Scotsman. The beauty of slacklining is that it can be as introspective as it is explorative. When we’re not moving to run away from ourselves, going out in to the wild places of this world can be a movement into our own souls.



Walt

Justin Clifton, American Rivers | 2015 | 6 min.

Explore the life of Walt Shubin, San Joaquin-area grape farmer who has been striving to bring back this amazing river for over six decades. How do we value a river? How does a river form your life? Walt reminds us of the importance of a place like the San Joaquin.



Water is Life

Alex Crook, Daven Hafey | 10 min.

Water is Life is a story of the people living along the Stikine River in Southeast Alaska. Their way of life, intimately tied to this pristine river for generations, is threatened by Canadian mining at the river’s headwaters. This is our effort to stand in solidarity with the people of the Stikine, and provide a microphone for their profound narratives.



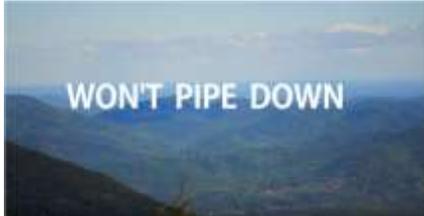
Worse Than Poop!

Vanessa Warheit | 6 min.

Car emissions are worse than poop! In this delightful animated short, an 8-year-old climate scientist and the Green Ninja take on a fleet of pooping cars to save the world. Featuring a flotilla of EVs, trains, bikes, buses, and scooters, Worse Than Poop! takes a fresh, humorous, and hopeful approach to the very serious issue of climate change.



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Won't Pipe Down

Marley McDonald, Dan McNew, Art Pekun, Abby Riggleman | 2015 | 23 min.

This short documentary presents the definitive David versus Goliath battle between the residents of Nelson County, Virginia and the Dominion Power company. This inside look at the community and their fight against the Atlantic Coast Pipeline raises questions about environmental justice, property rights, and individual rights.



Xboundary

Ryan Peterson, Alaskanist Stories | 2015 | 6 min.

An open-pit mining boom is underway in northwest British Columbia, Canada. The massive size and location of the mines—at the headwaters of major salmon rivers that flow across the border into Alaska—has Alaskans concerned over pollution risks posed to their multi-billion dollar fishing and tourism industries.