

2016 OFFICIAL ON TOUR SELECTION

36 Inches

James Parker, Matt Diamond, Elan Levy

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 its kind in the Western US. (US, 2015, 7min)

62 Years

Logan Bockrath

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 in Northwest Colorado. 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. (US, 2015, 9min)

The Accidental Environmentalist

Kristine Stolakis, Southern Exposure Film Fellowship

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. (US, 2014, 12min)

'AINA: That Which Feeds Us

Josh Thome, David Mossop

The best-kept secret on Kaua'i 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. (US, 2015, 23min)

Art for Change

Will Parrinello, Mill Valley Film Group

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. 3rd Place Artist Heroes category, MY HERO Intl FF. (US, 2015, 7min)

Avaatara: The First Route Out

Red Bull ASP in association with Novus Select

"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 Baatara gorge in Lebanon. A surreal 'Avatar'-like landscape, unexploited and untouched. (Lebanon, 2015, 6min)

Bison - Yellowstone InDepth

Steven M. Bumgardner

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. (US, 2015, 7min)

Black Bears - Yosemite Nature Notes

Steven M. Bumgardner

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. (US, 2015, 9min)

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

Jeremy Monroe, David Herasimtschuk

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. (US, 2015, 9min)

Co₂ld Waters

Jeremy Roberts

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 4 million fly anglers make difference? Legendary fishermen, including Yvon Chouinard, believe it is possible. (US, 2015, 11min)

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

Dominic Gill, Nadia Bactor

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 spiritu-ally. (US, 2015, 18min)

Connecting the Tracks: The Last of the Northern Jaguars

Christopher Barnes

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. White Mountain Audubon FF Participation Award. (US, 2015, 13min)

The Creature Show Episode 1: Salamander Rain

Jared Flesher, Christian Schuller

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. (US, 2015, 16min)

A Dam Problem

**Upper Deschutes Watershed Council,
Wahoo Films**

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. (US, 2015, 6min)

Defendant 5

Heidi Lee Douglas

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. Highly Commended Diploma, Mastalu Nature FF. (Australia, 2014, 30min)



Defendant 5

Defined by the Line

**Rebecca Cahall, Alex Lowther,
Jimmy Hooper**

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. (US, 2015, 7min)

Denali

Ben Knight, Ben Moon, Skip Armstrong

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. Best of Festival, People's Choice, 5Point FF. First Prize, Forster FF. (US, 2015, 8min)

Diversity and Inclusion in our Wild Spaces

Jason Fitzpatrick

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. 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. (US, 2015, 8min)

Dredging up a Solution

John Antonelli, Mill Valley Film Group

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. (US/Scotland, 2015, 6min)

An Education, A Father-Daughter Trip of Discovery

Mike Libeck, Mike Schirf, Fitz Cahall

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. (US/Antarctica, 2014, 9min)

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

Darren Campbell, Michael Dotson, KS Wild

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. (US, 2015, 8min)

Eternally Wild

California Trout, Keith Brauneis Productions, Craig Ballenger

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. (US, 2015, 15min)

eXXpedition: Making the Unseen Seen

Jennifer Pate

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. (Canada, 2015, 41min)

The Fable of the Wolf

Charlie Cardillo, Maggie Caldwell, Chris Jordan-Bloch

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. (US, 2015, 3min)

Faith Against Fracking

David Braun, Jessica Wohlander, Diana Mayoral, Bunker Seyfert, Tyler Burdinski

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. (US, 2015, 20min)

Filtering a Plastic Ocean

Rory Banyard

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. (US, 2014, 6min)

IN PERSON: Rory Banyard

The Fire Next Time

Kevin White, Stephen Most

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. (US, 2015, 13min)

The Fisherman's Son

Chris Malloy

Born and raised in a small fishing community in Chile, Rama 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 film focuses on Rama's rise to fame and how he's using his legend status in surfing to speak out for the protection of his lifelong home. (Chile, 2015, 29min)

Flint

Michael Hanson, American Rivers

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. (US, 2015, 5min)

Flying Doors Off Over Baja California

Jeff Litton

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 to help preserve the region for future generations. (Mexico, 2014, 8min)

Hanford: A Race Against Time

Trip Jennings

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. (US, 2015, 5min)

The Importance of Lios

Dominique Edwards, Danielle Edwards

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 many things but what he loves most are 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. (US, 2015, 8min)

The Important Places

Forest Woodward, Brendan Leonard, American Rivers

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.** Most Inspirational Film, 5Point FF; Best Mountain Short, Banff Mountain FF. (US, 2015, 10min)

In Current

Ryan Heffernan, Grayson Schaffer, Ben Knight, Talweg Creative

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. (US, 2015, 5min)

Invisible Ocean: Plankton & Plastic

Emily V. Driscoll

Follow NYC sci-artist Mara Haseltine as she creates a sculpture to reveal a microscopic threat beneath the surface of the ocean. During an 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. Finalist, Best Short Program, Jackson Hole Science Media Awards. (US, 2014, 9min)

Joe

Andy Maser, Hayden Peters

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. Best Cinematography, DC Adventure FF. (US, 2015, 7min)

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

Simon Waldron, Sophia Doe, Shaun Spark, Lonelyleap

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. Deauville Green Awards Silver, Wild Screen Short Film Award. (US, 2013, 6min)

Leave It As It Is

Pete McBride, Kevin Fedarko, American Rivers

The Grand Canyon is one of the most iconic land-scapes 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. (US, 2015, 3min)

A Line Across the Sky

Josh Lowell, Peter Mortimer, Nick Rosen, Zachary Barr

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 times hilarious - quest that earned the Piolet D'or. Best Climbing Film, Ladek Mountain FF. (US, 2015, 40min)

Martin's Boat

Peter McBride

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 1960s and started a proud tradition of naming the boats after wild places that had been lost or compromised by the hand of man. (US, 2015, 24min)

Mile for Mile

James Q Martin

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. 2nd Place, Aysen Mountain FF. (Chile/US, 2015, 15min)

IN PERSON: James Q Martin

Mother of All Rivers

Will Parrinello, Mill Valley Film Group

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 AguaZarcaDam. 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. First Place Environmental Film Category, MY HERO Project Intl FF. (Honduras/US, 2015, 9min)

Nature Rx

Justin Bogardus, Jed Lazar, Joe Victorine

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. Best Intl Short, Planet in Focus FF; Best Short, Colorado Enviro FF; Audience Award Best Short Short, SXSW Films for the Forest; Best Very Short, Earth Port FF. (US, 2014, 1min)

NOATAK: Return to the Arctic

Jason Fitzpatrick, Jen Serena, Ric Serena, Durand Trench, The Muir Project

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. Finalist, Banff Mountain Film Competition. (US, 2015, 14min)

One Woman Roadblock

Tom Dusenbery

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. Marilyn Baptiste is a true environmental hero who placed herself squarely in harm's way to battle intimidating adversaries while building strong grassroots support. Narrated by Robert Redford. Film subject Marilyn Baptiste received the 2015 Environmental Hero Award from the My Hero International FF. (Canada/US, 2015, 5min)

Osprey: Marine Sentinel

Jacob Steinberg, CosmoVision Media Group

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. (US, 2013, 14min)

Our Canyon Lands

Justin Clifton

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. (US, 2015, 34min)

Our Local Epic

Will Taggart, Aaron Pruzan, James Crowley

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. (US, 2015, 47min)

Paddle for the North

Simon Lucas, Scott Sinton, Alex Behse, Alex Reed

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. (NewZealand, 2015, 33min)

Parker's Top 50 Favorite Things About Northwest Rivers

Skip Armstrong, American Rivers

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. (US, 2015, 3min)

Rabbit Island

Ben Moon

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. (US, 2015, 6min)

Racing with Copepods

Carlos Grana, Barbara McVeigh, Bazooka Mama Productions

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. (US, 2014, 19min)

Restoring Hope

John Antonelli, Mill Valley Film Group

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. (US, 2015, 6min)

Sagebrush Sisters

Oregon Natural Desert Association, Wahoo Films

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. (US, 2015, 7min)

To Slow Down and Breathe

Grant Thompson

"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 our selves, going out in to the wild places of this world can be a movement into our own souls. (US, 2014, 3min)

Skateboarding in Pine Ridge

Greg Hunt

In 2011, Walt Pourier, the Founder of The Strong-hold 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. (US, 2015, 17min)

Soil Carbon Cowboys

Peter Byck

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. (US, 2014, 12min)

Shadow of a Giant

Clark Ferguson, Lesley Johnson, Family Farms

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. (Canada, 2015, 30min)

The Storm Downstream

Jessica Simmons

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** (US, 2014, 13min)

The Thousand Year Journey: Oregon to Patagonia

Kenny Laubbacher

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." 1st place, Professional Portrait of an Individual, Hero Festival. (Peru/Bolivia, 2015, 4min)



The Unknown Sea: A Voyage on the Salish

Kevin

Campion, Shawneecce Schneider

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. Audience Choice, Best Short, Friday Harbor FF. (US, 2015, 32min)

Walt

Justin Clifton, American Rivers

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. (US, 2015, 6min)

Water Is Life

Alex Crook, Daven Hafey

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. (US, 2015, 10min)



The Way We Eat

Val Camp, Jeannine Glista

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. (US, 2015, 10min)

Won't Pipe Down

Marley McDonald, Dan McNew, Art Pekun, Abby Riggleman

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. Best Short Student Doc William and Mary FF; Honorable Mention, Broadcast Education Assoc. (US, 2015, 23min)

The World Beneath the Rims

James Q Martin

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. (US, 2015, 15min)

Worse Than Poop!

Vanessa Warheit

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. Grand Jury Award, Best Short, United Nations Assoc. FF. (US, 2014, 6min)

Xboundary

Ryan Peterson, Alaskanist Stories

An open-pit mining boom is underway in north-west 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. Best Doc Short, Logan FF. (US, 2015, 6min)



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George Knowles

Kai Lightener entered the world of rock climbing at the age of six. As fourteen-year-old Kai ascends to the top of the most difficult routes—rated 5.14c—and expands into outdoor climbing, he relies upon the support and encouragement of his single mother, Connie. Most Inspiring, 5Point FF (2014, 9min)

Adventures with a Purpose: A Higher Calling

Sasha Motivala, Ryan Mayo,
Todd Jones, Steve Jones, Gregg Epstein

Renowned snowboarder, Jeremy Jones, teams up with Clif Bar and Adventurers and Scientists for Conservation to study glacial fresh water reserves across the globe. Get the facts with Dr. Natalie Kehrwald and ride with Jeremy Jones as he collects ice samples from the high peaks of the Himalaya, on a mission to protect the places where we play. (2014, 15min)

American Lawn

Robert Sickels

For a lot of people, “in lawns we trust” is more than a motto: it’s a way of life. Conversely, many folks see their lawn as an enemy. Lawns actually have a lot in common with other hot button social issues in that there’s no ambivalence where they’re concerned—one way or the other, everyone has an opinion. American Lawn explores this fascinating dichotomy, resulting in a kaleido-scopic, lighthearted, and insightful portrait of Americans of all stripes grappling with their relationships to lawn. (2014, 11min)

Birdsongs - Yosemite Nature Notes

Steven M. Bumgardner

Yosemite National Park’s beautiful landscapes contain unique soundscapes, and birders and ornithologists flock to the park to see and hear over 250 species of birds. (2014, 6min)

Bluebird Man

Neil Paprocki, Matthew Podolsky

35 years ago Bluebird Man Al Larson joined a movement of citizen scientists who have helped reverse declines in bluebird populations by setting up networks of nestboxes designed specifically for this emblematic bird. At age 92, Al continues to monitor and maintain over 300 nestboxes across Southwestern Idaho. (2014, 29min)

Bounce - This is Not a Freestyle Movie

Guillaume Blanchet

Soccer. Football. It’s the world’s most popular game. For two years, Guillaume Blanchet traveled with his ball as a faithful companion. The result is Bounce. (2014, 4min)

Brilliant Darkness: Hotaru in the Night

Emily V. Driscoll, James Karl Fischer

Darkness is eroding. Fireflies disappear as artificial night lights disrupt their “languages of light.” The film showcases scientists on different continents studying firefly flash patterns and how we can preserve firefly habitats in urban settings. (2014, 23min)

California: Paradise Burning

Matt Black, Ed Kashi, Sky Dylan-Robbins

Since 2012, California has been suffering through a severe drought. For the farmers and ranchers of the Central Valley, **the future seems bleak.** Wells have gone dry, orchards have been left to perish, and those who came to California to work the fields stand idle. Photographers Matt Black and Ed Kashi recently spent time with the farmers and shepherds of the Central Valley, documenting their ongoing struggles. (2014, 7min)

Catch It

Sarah Menzies

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Chuitna

Trip Jennings

Follow conservation-minded fly fishermen who travel to Alaska's unspoiled Chuitna Watershed to wade waist-deep into its salmon-rich waters and the fight to defeat the proposed Chuitna Coal Mine. With every cast and every conversation with the frontier Alaskans fighting to protect their homeland, the travelers obtain a deeper understanding of the mine's devastating impact. (2014, 29min)

The Colorado River

Jeff Litton

The Colorado River is more than beautiful; it sustains life for 11,000 species including us. Seasoned expedition leader Dave Edwards shares a funny story & what he takes away after almost 40 years of rowing down the Grand Canyon. We drink the river dry, but right now you can send 1,000 gallons back to the river by texting "RIVER" to 77177 or visit ChangeTheCourse.us (2014, 6min)

The Coralax

Troy Lau, Kaya Goosby, Taylor Redman, Kawelu Higashino

Inspired by Dr. Suess's *The Lorax*, this clay-mation by four Maui middle school students uses 667 images to show how irresponsible shoreline development can impact our precious reef ecosystem. People's Choice Award, Taos Fall Arts FF (2014, 7min)

The Curious Snail

Alex Jones

Immerse yourself in the beauty of a snail's simple and small world. As we view their life up-close, you will see that a simple sludge or a puddle of water can be an expedition in their eyes! Diving even deeper, you will notice how these small slimy creatures move around their habitat. (2014, 2min)

DamNation

Travis Rummel, Ben Knight, Matt Stoecker

This powerful film odyssey across America explores the sea change in our national attitude from pride in big dams as engineering wonders to the growing awareness that our own future is bound to the life and health of our rivers. Dam removal has moved beyond the fictional Monkey Wrench Gang to go mainstream. Where obsolete dams come down, rivers bound back to life, giving salmon and other wild fish the right of return to primeval spawning grounds after decades without access. Multiple awards, including Audience Award, MountainFilm; Best Conservation Film, Intl Wildlife FF (2014, 87min)

Delta Dawn

Peter McBride

The Colorado River hasn't kissed the sea in almost two decades – until the spring of 2014 when an experimental pulse of water was released into this forgotten delta. A team of river runners followed the water to witness this unprecedented restoration effort, and attempted to be the only, and potentially the last to float the Colorado River to the sea by paddle board. With unpredictable adventure as the backdrop, filmmaker Pete McBride tells the story of Western water, a challenged Colorado River and the uplifting potential for environmental restoration

Drawn

Jeremy Collins, James Q Martin

Merging film and illustration, this film transports you on four journeys, from the Venezuelan Amazon, to the China-Mongolian Border, to the northern reaches of Canada, and closer to home in the Yosemite Valley as Jeremy Collins embarks on an epic voyage to honor a beloved friend. (42min)

Dream

Skip Armstrong

I wonder ... if ... one day... When a newbie kayaker goes paddling, he discovers a posse of pros on the river and wonders whether someday he could be that cool. A daydream in the eddy transforms the purple-helmeted rookie into a whitewater Adonis. Join kayaker Ben Marr as he takes us to a world where a paddler's wildest fantasies come true. Pure Joy Award, 5 Point FF (2014, 6min)

Dryden - The Small Town that Changed the Fracking Game

Chris Jordan-Bloch, Director, Kathleen Sutcliffe, Earthjustice

The industry kept saying: "We have the power; you have none. We are coming. Get out of the way or leave," said Joanne Cipolla-Dennis, recalling what happened when the oil and gas industry came to her town of Dryden, NY. But

Joanne and her neighbors came up with a plan. This is the true story of people who discovered their shared strength and turned the tables on a powerful industry. (2014, 11min)

Earthbook

Bernd Hezel, Ephraim Broschkowski

What would Planet Earth post about humans on its profile? The Earth fast forwards through a virtual relationship with humans – but soon starts to ask itself whether it wants to be friends with a species that exploits its natural resources and threatens animals and plants. Clean Tech Media Award (2012, 4min)

The Edge Of Impossible

Conor Toumarkine, Roy Tuscany,
High Fives Foundation

Showcasing human potential and friendship, *The Edge Of Impossible* follows a High Fives Foundation athletes journey to become the first quadriplegic to heli-ski the rarefied backcountry of the Alaskan Chugach. Without precedent, and pushing beyond what was thought possible for a quadriplegic skier, High Fives, the team, and Points North embarked on a first descent project unlike any other. Best Doc Short, All Sports Los Angeles FF (2014, 14min)

The Great Frack Forward James West, Jaeh Lee

Mother Jones' Jaeh Lee and Climate Desk's James West traveled to central China and uncovered alarming trends with global consequences. As fracking technology crosses over from the fields of Pennsylvania to the mountains of Sichuan, **so have questions about its risks and consequences.** (2014, 29min)

Harnessing the Sun to Keep the Lights on in India

Andrew Satter, Vrinda Manglik,
Justin Guay

More than 1 billion people throughout the world lack reliable access to electricity. In 2014, the Center for American Progress and Sierra Club traveled to India to see firsthand how solar power is providing clean, affordable electricity in Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state - and one of its poorest. This film explores how solar power has the potential to improve livelihoods, health, and the environment while avoiding the need for the costly grid expansion that is a distant reality for many. (2014, 9min)

Higher

Steve Jones, Todd Jones, Jeremy Jones

Jeremy Jones and Teton Gravity Research elevate their game, taking their quest to the next level for the third and final installment of the Deeper, Further, Higher trilogy from the award-winning producers at TGR. Higher traces Jones' snowboarding journey from hiking Cape Cod's Jailhouse Hill as a child to accumulating several generations' worth of wisdom and expertise about thriving and surviving in the winter wilderness. Jones has gathered friends old and new to pass the torch to the next generation of big mountain rip-pers. (2014, 90min)

I Heard

Michael Ramsey, Abbey Smith,
Stacy Bare

A Seussical glimpse into more than 110 million acres of designated wilderness that we have to enjoy in the US. The Sierra Club tapped award-winning filmmaker Michael Ramsey to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Featuring young actors Finella Guy and Oliver Lamond-Ramsey and some of our countries most iconic places and natures most incredible creatures. (2014, 3min)

Joanna Macy and the Great Turning Christopher Landry

This is a short film about the societal shift now underway from an industrial growth society to a more sustainable civilization. Based on an extensive interview with well-known writer, teacher, and activist Joanna Macy, the film lays out Macy's understanding of "the Great Turning" as the third major revolution of human existence after the agricultural and industrial revolutions. (2014, 26min)

A Line in the Sand

Justin Clifton, Chris Cresci

Edward Abbey's words have always been deliberately provocative - especially when said in defense of the desert landscape he loved so much. The words in this film are a mash-up of quotes from speeches to articles, to interviews and books. Abbey was willing to say things that no one else would, and his sentiment is relevant now more than ever. What will we stand up for? What will be lost if we chose not to stand at all? (USA, 2013, 4min)

The Little Things

Darcy Turenne, Marie-France Roy

Follow professional snowboarders who have chosen to be outspoken and make positive changes towards a sustainable environment. This film is an initiative taken on by one of snowboarding's most influential riders, Marie-France Roy, in hopes of inspiring others towards sustainability through inspirational speakers, positive ideas, and leading a healthy lifestyle. They keep it positive and showcase some of the little things that people can do to contribute to positive changes for the future of our environment. (2014, 47min)



Love in the Tetons

**Amy Marquis,
Dana Romanoff**

Fifteen years ago, Juan Martinez stepped off a bus in Grand Teton National Park and saw the stars for the first time in his life. Soon after, he met and fell in love with park ranger Vanessa Torres. This film reveals the compelling journey that led Juan to the Tetons, to Vanessa, and to his renewed vision of the American Dream. (2013, 9min)

Marie's Dictionary

Emmanuel Vaughan-Lee

Marie Wilcox is the last fluent speaker of the Wukchumni language. She created a dictionary in an effort to keep her language alive. (2014, 10min)

Marijuana Grows and Restoration

Ann Dunskey, Steve Dunskey, U.S. Forest Service

Marijuana growing on our national forests causes significant harm to the land, water and animals. The toxicants as well as the lethal weapons used on these sites is both shocking and dangerous. The Forest Service, along with other agencies and volunteers, are working together to restore these impacted lands. (2014, 5min)

Mixing Oil and Water

Eric Warren

Shale oil and gas development and fresh water use are tightly intertwined. "Mixing Oil and Water" illustrates that water

quality, scarcity, and uncertainty are becoming more prevalent in Montana where oil and gas development occurs. Are we willing to sacrifice clean water in order to carry out extreme fossil fuel development? (2014, 10min)

Monarchs & Milkweed

Steven M. Bumgardner

Take a microcosmic safari through a field of milkweed and discover a whole world of life, from bees to wasps to hummingbirds to butterflies. The charismatic Monarch butterfly is completely dependent on milkweed for its survival, and places like Yosemite National Park offer protection for this often overlooked plant.(2014, 8min)

Myanmar Bridges to Change

Mark Fisher, Eric Daf

In August 2013, a group of 7 climbers traveled to the farthest reaches of northern Myanmar to make a first ascent of Gamlang Razi, Southeast Asia's disputed highest peak. Although making a first ascent of Gamlang Razi was their primary goal, they soon discovered that the actual peak was far less significant than the experiences they were having with the people with whom they were traveling, the villagers they lived and interacted with, and the country of Myanmar in general. (2014, 44min)

The New Environmentalists

**Will Parrinello, John Antonelli,
Tom Dusenbery**

These activists share a common goal – safeguarding the Earth's natural resources from exploitation and pollution, while fighting for justice in their communities. The film is the latest in the Mill Valley Film Group's series featuring inspiring portraits of six passionate and dedicated activists. These are true environmental heroes who have placed themselves squarely in harm's way to battle intimidating adversaries while building strong grassroots support. Narrated by Robert Redford, the short films illustrate how ordinary people are effecting extraordinary change. The Series has received three Emmy's and many more honors.

Asia - India

Dirty Business

With a small internet café as his headquarters, Ramesh Agrawal organized indigenous people to demand their right to information and succeeded in shutting down one of the largest proposed coal mines in Chhattisgarh. (2014, 4min)

South America - Peru

Eagle Eyes

Overcoming a history of traumatic violence, Ruth Buendia united the Asháninka people in a powerful campaign against large-scale dams that would have uprooted indigenous communities. (2014, 4min)

Island Nations - Indonesia

Habitat for the Endangered

Biologist Rudi Putra is protecting the habitat of the critically endangered Sumatran rhino by dismantling illegal palm oil plantations that are destroying northern Sumatra's Leuser Ecosystem.

North America - New York State Home Rules

Attorney Helen Slotje helped towns in New York protect themselves from fracking, when she utilized a clause in the state constitution that empowers municipalities to make local land use decisions. (2014, 4min)

Oceans North

Protecting Manitoba's Beluga Estuaries

Trevor Gill, Christopher Paetkau, Carlyle Paetkau

Each summer more than 57,000 beluga whales return to the estuaries along stunning western Hudson Bay in Manitoba. There they mate, molt, and feed, safe from predators. But the whales need protection from potential risks that threaten to move in through the Port of Churchill. (2014, 5min)

Ola I Ka Wai: Water is Life

Dawn Kaniaupio

The state of Hawaii has an obligation to protect and regulate Hawaii's water resource for the benefit of its people. Yet 90 percent of the states streams continue to be diverted, with devastating impact. This is the story of a communities fight to find balance, and to ensure that the laws are enforced for the benefit of ALL. (2013, 34min)

OR7 - The Journey

Clemens Schenk

This lone wolf's incredible journey from Oregon to California—the first to enter California in ninety years—and the story of the Wolf as a species in the United States is told in this film. Brought to the brink of extinction, wolves have begun a fragile recovery. Hear what wolf experts and biologists have to say about this amazing creature; take the journey. (2014, 67min)

Our Power - Black Mesa, Arizona

Mark Decena, Teri Heyman

The Navajo people in Black Mesa, Arizona are trying to protect their aquifer from a nearby coal mining plant's pollution. The cities of Phoenix and Flagstaff get their water at the expense of the Navajo Nation. As part of the Climate Justice Alliance, they strive to generate "energy without injustice, power without pollution" by using solar power instead of fossil fuels. (2013, 8min)

Overburdened/Undermined

Lacey Kennedy

For years, strip mining by coal companies has taken a toll on both the people and the environment of Alabama. This sobering documentary explores the devastating impacts of this industry on water quality, local communities, and wildlife in the Black Warrior River watershed. (2013, 12min)

Pamela - A New Voice for the Environment

Melinda James, Brennan King, Rose Foundation

Life in the flatlands of Oakland, California, can be a struggle. Pamela Tapia gives us a glimpse into how youth experience life and environmental inequities there. She shares her own story of how she used her battle with asthma (aggravated by her home's proximity to diesel truck routes) to become an advocate for her community and for environmental and social change through the New Voices Are Rising program at Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment. (2014, 4min)

Pohakuloa: Now that you know do you care?

Dawn Kaniaupio

Visitors have long described the islands of Hawaii as paradise, yet the living heart of the largest island has been bombed by the military for decades. Pohakuloa's 133,000 acres, much of it sacred, sits in the center of Hawaii island, an island that is home to 200,000 residents and a million visitors annually. Most will be surprised to hear what's at stake. (2014, 17min)

Pride

Roshan Patel

Pride explores the cultural relationship between residents of Gujarat, India and the last remaining population of Asiatic Lions in the world. With fewer than 50 lions in the wild at the turn of the 20th century, rural communities started working with the government to create a haven for this top predator and are successfully securing its place in the ecosystem. Best of Fest, Element FF; Best Short, Intl Wildlife FF (2013, 15min)

Pride of Namibia

Andy Maser, Jenny Nichols

Namibia is home to one of the greatest wildlife recovery story ever told. The nation has enshrined conservation into its constitution, and is committed to the future of responsible travel - tourism that directly benefits the people who give wildlife freedom to roam. First Place, Adventure in Motion, Yahoo Travel; Travel Trade Assoc. Award (2014, 6min)

The Ridge

Stu Thomson

Danny Macaskill is a very good bike rider. A very, very good bike rider. So he climbed a mountain near his home on the Isle of Skye and did something that will make you scream with joy and horror. (2014, 8min)

River Music

Michael Bloebaum

What happens when science and art collide? "River Music" is what happens! When teenage musicians spent a year studying music composition and, at the same time, were exposed to the wonders of the Yuba River, the ensuing endeavor finds young people thinking deeply about the nature of this place - and finding ways to express that wonder with music. (2014, 30min)

River of Eden

Peter McBride in association with O.A.R.S.

Join filmmaker Pete McBride, a National Geographic Freshwater Hero, on a journey into the Fijian Highlands to discover why the locals said "no" to easy money from resource extraction, and how they turned to tourism to fund a conservation area that protects one of the most beautiful rivers on Earth. (2014, 5min)

Rush for Gold

Morgan Schmidt-Feng, Brad Marshland
Revealed are some of the lesser-known stories of the Gold Rush, as told by people living in and around the Deer Creek watershed in Nevada City. The film combines interviews and local footage with archival film and photos to highlight the stories of the native people, the Chinese immigrant workers, and the environment itself. (2014, 10min)

The Sacred Place Where Life Begins: Gwich'in Women Speak

Miho Aida
Women of the Gwich'in nation speak out to protect what they call "The Sacred Place Where Life Begins" from oil development. Also known as the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the Gwich'in way of life depends on this sacred land, and the women share their unique perspectives on this environmental issue and inspire audience around the country to action. Festival Audience Choice Award, Earth Port Film (2013, 19min)

School's Out: Lessons from a Forest Kindergarten

Lisa Molomot, Rona Richter
No classroom for these kindergarteners. In Switzerland's Langnau am Albis, children 4 to 7 years of age go to kindergarten in the woods every day, no matter what the weatherman says. This film looks into the important question of what it is that children need at that age. There is laughter, beauty and amazement in the process of finding out. Best Doc Short, Prescott FF; Best Short, Colorado Environmental FF (2013, 36min)

Sea Change

John Antonelli, Chris Rohio, Eli Olson, Todd Miro, Jeff Springer, Graham Deneen, Will Parrinello
The grassroots efforts of Ikal Angelei, a charismatic young Kenyan woman, are explored as she tries to mitigate the impact of the Gibe III dam in Ethiopia. The indigenous people have relied on the Omo River and Lake Turkana as their vital source of water and food for centuries. (2014, 19min)

Silent River

Jason Jaacks, Steve Fisher
Since the passage of the North American Free Trade Agreement 20 years ago, U.S. companies have used the Santiago River as their own waste canal. Silent River follows a young woman and her family as they defy death threats to try and save one of the most polluted rivers in Mexico. Green Planet Award, Rhode Island Int; FF; Audience Award, Pictoclick FF (2014, 25min)

Spaceship Earth Passenger Safety Briefing

Dave Gardner, Lynsey Jones, GrowthBusters
Airline passengers are routinely briefed on how to make their flight safe and comfortable. Imagine if every passenger on Spaceship Earth were similarly briefed. Buckle up and hold on. (2014, 2min)

Spine of the Continent

Alex Suber, David Spiegel, Brendan Boepple, Zak Podmore, Walt Hecox, State of the Rockies

Five college students explore the wilderness of the Rocky Mountains and examine what it will take to preserve this landscape in the face of climate change. The crew delves into the changing paradigm of large landscape conservation. (2014, 17min)

The Starfish Throwers

Jesse Roesler, Melody Gilbert
Worlds apart, a five-star chef, a twelve year-old girl, and a retired schoolteacher discover how their individual efforts to feed the poor ignite a movement in the fight against hunger. Global Health Competition Audi-ence Award, Cleveland Intl FF; Human Spirit Award, Nashville FF (2014, 83min)

Sticky

Jilli Rose
A tiny population of remarkable stick insects dodged extinction by hiding under a single windswept bush on a remote sea stack for 80 years. Celebrate the persistence of life, the adventure and passion embedded in science, and the little creatures underfoot. Best Doc St. Kilda FF; Best Short Film, SF Green FF (2013, 20min)

The Story of Place

Sinuhe Xavier, Justin Clifton
Deep into the unprotected territory of South-eastern Utah, Author Craig Childs narrates the story of this grand landscape, how it has shaped each and every one of us, and the threats this wild landscape is currently facing. (2014, 8min)

Sufferfest

Cedar Wright
Behold as Cedar Wright and Alex Honnold enchain all of the California's 14,000 foot peaks using only bikes for transport. This was the worst trip of their lives. (2013, 17min)

Sufferfest 2

Cedar Wright
Less than a year after enchainning the fifteen tallest peaks in California, by bike, Alex Honnold and Cedar Wright have forgotten that it was their worst trip ever and are at it again. This time they attack an ambitious goal to climb 45 of the American Southwest's most iconic Desert Towers, via their most difficult routes, in an epic bike journey. This movie has it all: gale force winds, hard climbing, snow in the desert, loose rock, and a puppy. Radical Reels People Choice Award, Banff Mountain FF (2014, 26min)

Teton Hooping Contingency

Madison Bayles

The town of Jackson Hole, Wyoming possesses a rich mountain culture and it is where 26 year old Ryan Mertaugh developed the art of Extreme Hula Hooping. Follow Ryan's adventures of hooping his way through the Teton Mountain Range. As he challenges perceptions of social norms, some surprising discoveries are made along the way. Category Winner in Art and Design, Undergraduate Research Showcase, Utah State University (2014, 8min)

Thirsty for Justice: The Struggle for the Human Right to Water

Rev. Lindi Ramsden, Ian Slattery

In the wealthiest state in the nation, how can so many lack access to safe, affordable water for basic human needs? Thirsty for Justice shares powerful stories of those who suffer and of the inspiring grassroots movement which, against all odds, made the human right to water the law of the land in California. What are YOU thirsty for? (2014, 39min)

Twenty Eight Feet: Life on a Little Wooden Boat

Kevin A Fraser, Melani Wood

David Welsford has given up the luxuries of land in search for happiness and adventure on a 50 year old wooden boat he restored from a scrap heap. Featuring music from Bahamas, Acres & Acres and Ben Howard! (2013, 9min)

Unfair Game: The Politics of Poaching

John Antonelli, Barry Schienberg, Eli Olson Editor, Will Parrinello

Through the inspiring stories of two African environmental activists Thuli Makama (Swaziland) and Hammer Simwinga (Zambia) – the film explores conservation and sustainable development as viable methods for safeguarding wildlife but also bears witness to the human rights violations inflicted on indigenous peoples whose traditional homelands are bordering wildlife conservancies. Narrated by Robert Redford. (2014, 37min)

White Earth

J. Christian Jensen, Weary Traveler

Thousands of desperate souls flock to America's Northern Plains seeking work in the oil fields. "White Earth" is the tale of an oil boom seen through unexpected eyes. Three children and an immigrant mother brave a cruel winter and explore themes of innocence, home and the American Dream. Oscar Short List, Doc Short Subject; Silver Winner, Student Academy Award; Jury Award, Best Short, Full Frame Doc FF (2014, 20min)

Why I Think This World Should End

Brandon Sloan

Experience this spoken word call to action from Prince Ea. (2014, 4min)

The Wilderness Act: 50th Anniversary

Mark Decena, Teri Heyman, Adrienne Bramhall, Peter Walbridge, Forrest Pound

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, this film captures what drove us as a nation to create the Wilderness Act. Those motivations are partially rooted in the fight to protect, but also the wonderment of seeing and feeling these lands and realizing their priceless value to not only nature, but human nature. (2014, 8min)

The World Beyond the World

Paxson Woelber

Using text adapted from Robert Marshalls "Alaska Wilderness: Exploring the Brooks Range" (1929) and images from Expedition Arguk (2013), this short aims to celebrate that most ancient and sublime of human pleasures: moving through a mysterious, beautiful, and unknown landscape. Vimeo Staff Pick (2013, 3min)

Wrenched

ML Lincoln, Kristi Frazier, Patrick Gambuti

The monkey wrench is being passed from the pioneers of eco-activism to the new generation ... carrying Edward Abbey's legacy into the 21st century. The fight continues to sustain the last bastion of the American wilderness - the spirit of the West. People's Choice Award, Flagstaff Mountain FF (2014, 93min)