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### The Rock Pool Waltz

The Rock Pool Waltz centres around a boys affinity with nature which helps to ease his worries and loneliness during the COVID lockdown. This leads him to an incredible friendship with an unlikely creature from the ocean. This inspiring film brings awareness to our connection with nature and the importance of caring for our environment and the amazing creatures we share this world with.



### Eco-Hack!

Biologist Tim Shields has watched Mojave desert tortoise populations plummet since the 1990s. The latest threat? Ballooning raven populations, from increased human activity. Tired of "taking notes on a catastrophe," Tim exchanges observational biology for direct intervention. Building drones, rovers, laser cannons, and exploding tortoise shells, Tim wages technological war on ravens in a final effort to save the species.



### Cool for You

"Cool For You", an animated film based on the book of the same title, explains global warming to children in a friendly way. Incorporating different characters and families, animals and plants, children are introduced to CO2, and positive, easy ways to improve our impact on the earth.



### High Road

High Road celebrates the unbreakable bond between Paralympian Meg Fisher and Jack Berry, a young para-athlete who's cycling career is just beginning to unfold. Together, the two navigate life's obstacles with grace and integrity- creating space for the next generation of para cyclists.



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### Plastic Pandemic

We have to believe that our pursuit is not pointless, that our will to survive and thrive takes us somewhere. Maybe, just beyond our pain and suffering, we'll find the redemption of the infinite.



### Kayak

On a peaceful summer day, a dad takes his baby son on a kayak day trip. Between the challenges of a first river outing and the baby's whims the father will not have a relaxing day, especially when an eagle joins the adventure.



### Bad Bugs

10 year old Bryn made a claymation movie about the importance of using "natural solutions for your bug problems" - something she's passionate about. The idea came after one of her "grub hunting" sessions (she loves gathering grubs for the birds and lizards). Bryn loves the environment and all creatures, but also makes a point to clarify that "my movie is not violent... it's just the circle of life."



### Returning England's Forgotten Frog

As scientists were discovering a surprising detail about an often-overlooked frog, the last local population of the species was winking out of existence. This is the extraordinary story of England's pool frog and the effort to bring it back.



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### Packing a Wave

A young shipwreck arrives unconscious to an apparently paradisiacal desert island. After waking up she explores the island and discovers that it is a landfill.



### Giant Sequoias-Yosemite Nature Notes

Giant sequoia trees are impressive for their great size, old age, and stoic resilience, but this resilience is being tested by bugs, drought, and catastrophic wildfires. These challenges offer opportunities to research these wonderful trees and develop better ways to support their ability to thrive and survive in the face of a changing climate.



### Tails on Ice

This heart-warming story set in the coldest of climates follows Ellesmere, a fit and instantly loveable Canadian Inuit yearling sled dog as she sets off on her first training expedition and rite of passage. With the right experience and discipline Ellesmere has the potential to be the next alpha female. She must learn the survival skills from the matriarchs that came before her in order to not only earn, but to defend her position in the dog pack. Running on the Great Slave Lake is no easy task. Ellesmere, along with her musher and pack, must navigate strong winds, snowstorms and pack dynamics. Whatever happens, Ellesmere will find that every dog has a place in the pack.