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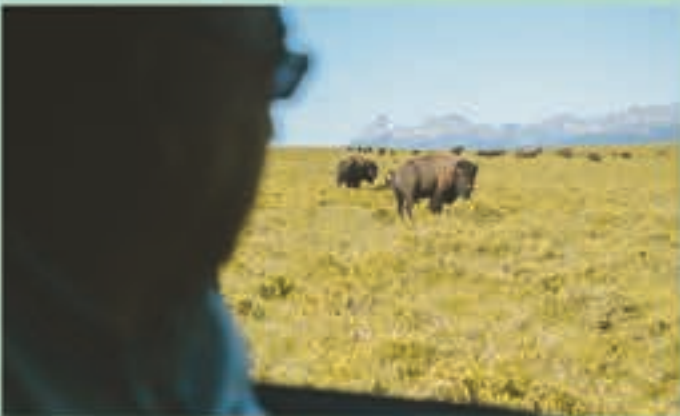
## 2023 Feature Films

### Dear President Biden TRT: 40:13



While campaigning for the Presidency, Joe Biden promised that climate change would be part and parcel of everything his Administration did. The film visits front line activists in New Jersey, Virginia, Louisiana, Texas and Iowa to see how he's doing.

### Inhabitants TRT 1:16:12



From deserts, coastlines, forests, mountains, and prairies, Native communities across the US are restoring their ancient relationships with the land. Five stories that include sustaining traditions of Hopi dryland farming in Arizona; restoring buffalo to the Blackfeet reservation in Montana; maintaining sustainable forestry on the Menominee reservation in Wisconsin; reviving native food forests in Hawaii; and returning prescribed fire to the landscape by the Karuk Tribe of California.

### OurStory- The Indigenous Led Fight to Protect Greater Chaco TRT: 47:00



90% of the available lands in the Greater Chaco have already been leased for oil and gas extraction. Over the course of three years, Navajo and Pueblo leadership and Navajo Nation Delegate and co-director Daniel Tso have been intimately collaborating to tell their stories in this film as they struggle to protect what little remains of this sacred landscape, including the World Heritage Site Chaco Canyon National Historical Park in SW United States.

### The Lost Salmon TRT: 58:12



The Lost Salmon' chronicles the plight and potential recovery of the iconic Spring-run Chinook Salmon of the Pacific Northwest. Faced with extinction in many river systems of the West, a new genetic discovery could aid in their recovery. Once teeming in the millions and a sacrament for the oldest civilizations in the Americas, time is running out for this genetically distinct wild salmon.





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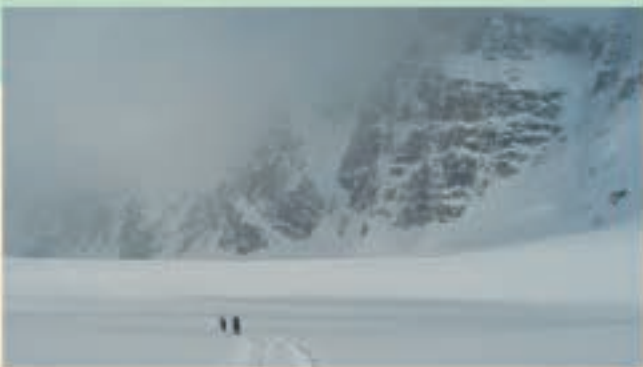
## The Politics of Beauty TRT: 1:18:25

A visually-powerful film biography of America's most effective Interior Secretary. From 1961-1969, Udall added more units to the National Park system than any other Interior Secretary in history, while pushing through Congress much of the significant environmental legislation we now take for granted. Throughout his long life, he fought for racial and social justice, world peace, the arts and protection of the Earth. This film will inspire other Americans to take up the causes that Udall worked for and to protect the beauty of our land.



## The Recycling Myth TRT: 52:18

As the plastic pollution crisis has become an international scandal, the biggest consumer goods brands on earth have declared they have a solution: recycling. But our plastic packaging is still more likely to end up being burned or dumped than recycled. We show how the oil, packaging and consumer goods industries spin the recycling fairytale to allow them to continue polluting without consequence. As we all pick up the bill for a world drowning in plastic, the film asks: who is getting rich?



## THE SCALE OF HOPE TRT: 1:06:52

THE SCALE OF HOPE follows former Obama White House Climate Advisor, Molly Kawahata, as she prepares for a climb in the Alaska Range while struggling with mental illness and working to create a new climate narrative framed around systemic change and hope. This is Patagonia's first film release following the bombshell news of founder Yvon Chouinard giving away the company to focus efforts on climate action and the environment.



## The Ground Between Us TRT: 1:02:22

Since 2017, public lands throughout America have faced unprecedented threats. Bears Ears National Monument was shrunk by 85%, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was opened to oil exploration, and the Elliott State Forest in Oregon was nearly privatized. Throughout this, Americans from both side of the political spectrum have stood up and made their voices heard in support of protecting these areas. The Ground Between Us presents these public lands bates alongside the day-to-day realities of three families who hold vastly different connections and perspectives on public lands. In a divided America, The Ground Between Us shows that public lands can be a unifying factor.





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## The Lake at the Bottom of the World



With dual goals to discover new life forms and to understand the past climate history of the fragile West Antarctic Ice Sheet, an international team of scientists ventured to the virtually unknown interior of Antarctica to explore a subglacial lake they believed is buried 3,600 feet beneath the ice sheet. As they struggle against the ferocity of the ice and wind, they consider how our relationship with nature – and with one another will impact humanity and the future of all life on our rapidly changing planet.

TRT: 40:03

## Understory- A Journey into the Tongass



A short film that takes us deep into Alaska's Tongass National Forest, the largest remaining temperate rainforest on the planet. Our guide, Elsa Sebastian, is a young local fisherman who grew up "off-grid" in a remote village surrounded by the vast, ancient forest. When Elsa learns that the U.S. federal government is axing environmental protections for nine million acres of the Tongass, she is driven to action—first fixing up an old sailboat, and then setting sail on a 350-mile expedition along the rainforest's coast.

## Where There Once Was Water TRT 1:14:04



A song for the sacred in all of us. An invitation to change our perspective, rewrite the story, and heal our relationship with water...one watershed, one meal, one raindrop, at a time. Water is love, and if we write it together, this love story may indeed become one for the ages