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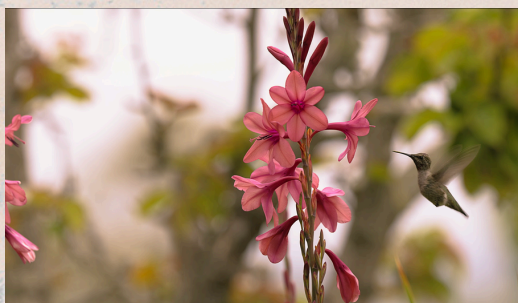
## 2026 Best of Fest One Sheet



### Red Wolf in Timeout

TRT: 4 MINUTES

A child narrates the problem in full preteen gossip style while her step-dad animates it in the form of a classroom chalkboard lesson. The Red Wolf faces extinction due to unnecessary human fear and it's absence has caused an environmental chain reaction.



### The Bees and the Birds

TRT: 12 MINUTES

California's native bees are facing an uncertain future. The Bees and the Birds explores this unfolding environmental crisis through the lens of a vibrant community garden that has become a safe haven for native bees, birds, and other wildlife. Through macro cinematography and stories from local gardeners and scientists, we see how small-scale efforts can have large impacts for local biodiversity.



### Mountain Roots

TRT: 19 MINUTES

Bennett, an adventurous young climber, embarks on a life-changing journey to her ancestral homeland in the Italian Dolomites. Joined by her climbing partner, Grandpa Gary, she reconnects with her heritage in a village rooted in generations before her. As she takes on some of the world's most striking mountains, we witness her growth as a climber and a person.



### Forgotten Flavors

TRT: 13 MINUTES

Forager Pascal Baudar transforms California's wild landscape into an edible feast, revealing how forgotten flavors can reconnect us to our deepest relationship with nature. This intimate portrait reveals what we gain when we slow down enough to remember who we once were.

ACT 1 RUNTIME: 48 MINUTES



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#### The Book of George

TRT: 15 MINUTES

George McKenzie Jr. traded the hard streets and violence of New York City for a life photographing some of the most elusive animals in North America for National Geographic. George, a rare gem in the predominantly white canvas of wildlife photography, is empowering kids of color to shift their gaze to conservation. He's proof that the color of your skin shouldn't define the wild dreams you pursue, nor the impact you aspire to make."



#### Best Day Ever

TRT: 48 MINUTES

Best Day Ever follows the stories of adaptive mountain bikers Greg Durso and Allie Bianchi as they navigate the relentless challenges of their disabilities and embrace the tremendous support, friendship, and joy they find in their rural Vermont riding community. Allie and Greg navigate disability and regain independence with humor, attitude, and grit on mountain bike trails that dismantle ableism, build community, and become a blueprint for trails anywhere.

ACT 2 RUNTIME: 63 MINUTES

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**TOTAL RUNTIME: 111 MINUTES**