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## **Wild & Scenic Film Festival Announces Lineup of Films for 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Presentation in Nevada City, California**

**Nevada City, Calif.** – (December 2, 2014) --- The Wild & Scenic Film Festival, the nation's largest environmental film festival bringing together top filmmakers, celebrities, activists, and social innovators, announced today its full lineup of films for its 13<sup>th</sup> annual presentation in Nevada City, California. This year's films combine stellar filmmaking, beautiful cinematography and first-rate storytelling with the theme "A *Wild Life*." A synopsis of all featured films is available online at: [wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/films](http://wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/films).

Marquee films include:

- *Sand Wars*, directed by Denis Delestrac, is an investigation into one of the planet's most consumed natural resources. High demand for sand is threatening the planet's reserves. Three-quarters of the world's beaches are in decline and bound to disappear. *Sand Wars* takes us around the world to witness this new gold rush.
- *Valley Uprising*, directed by Peter Mortimer, Nick Rosen, and Josh Lowell, is the riveting tale of bold tradition. For half a century, explorers and madmen have left materialism behind, venturing onto the high, lonesome granite of Yosemite's massive cliffs. *Valley Uprising* explores the phenomenon of this American counterculture.
- *DRAWN*, directed by Jeremy Collins & produced by James Q Martin, follows Collins' four journeys over four years in the four cardinal directions, from the Venezuelan Amazon, to the China-Mongolian Border, to the northern reaches of Canada, and closer to home in the Yosemite Valley.

“We are honored and humbled to be featured at the Wild & Scenic Film Festival,” said James Q Martin of *DRAWN*. “There are so many passionate environmental film directors that are exploring issues in such a beautiful, captivating and inspiring way --- to be among those select few and be showcased at the most sought after environmental film festival is a true honor.”

The nominating committee spent more than 1,250 hours reviewing more than 400 films. A total of 130 films will be featured. Other notable films include:

- *Oil & Water*, directed by Francine Strickwerda and Laurel Spellman Smith, is the true story of two boys coming of age as they each confront one of the world's worst toxic disasters. Their journeys lead them to explore what could be a more just future for all people around the world born with oil beneath their feet.
- *Project Wild Thing*, directed by David Bond, is about a film-led movement to get more kids outside and reconnecting with nature.
- *Emptying the Skies*, directed by Douglas Kass and Roger Kass, chronicles the rampant poaching of migratory songbirds in southern Europe. The film explores the wonder of these tiny globe-flying marvels, and follows an intrepid squad of pan-European bird-lovers who risk their lives waging a secret war against poachers. Jonathan Franzen is executive producer.

“We’re thrilled with the amazing lineup of films,” said Melinda Booth, festival director. “As a community of environmental champions who produce the event, we strive to not only entertain, but also educate and inspire activism through film. We’re confident this line up delivers on that.”

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival runs January 15 – January 18, 2015. Tickets are on-sale now and available at [wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/tickets](http://wildandscenicfilmfestival.org/tickets).

#### **ABOUT 2015 WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL**

Considered the nation's premier environmental and adventure film festival, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival showcases environmental films that inspire action. The 2015 Wild & Scenic Film Festival is hosted in Nevada City, California from January 15 – 18, 2015. For more information, visit [WildandScenicFilmFestival.org](http://WildandScenicFilmFestival.org).