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George Knowles

ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE

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. (2014, 10 min)



Adventures with a Purpose: A Higher Calling

ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE

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, 15 min)



American Lawn

Robert Sickels

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

In having lawns, are we giving in to societal expectations that have no real rationale, or do lawns have more meaning than we are typically willing to give them? Is the grass really always greener on the other side? 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 kaleidoscopic, lighthearted, and insightful portrait of Americans of all stripes grappling with their relationships to lawn. (2014, 12 min)



Birdsongs: Yosemite Nature Notes

Steven M. Bumgardner

WILDLIFE AND NATURE

Yosemite National Park’s beautiful landscapes also contain unique soundscapes, and birders and ornithologist flock to park to see and hear over 250 species of birds. Open your eyes and ears to the birdsongs of Yosemite! (2014, 6 min)



Bluebird Man

Neil Paprocki, Matthew Podolsky, Wild Lens

WILDLIFE AND NATURE

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

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Bounce

Guillaume Blanchet

JUST FOR FUN

I am not a good freestyle player, but I love to give it a try. For two years now, I've been lucky enough to visit a few countries with a ball as a faithful companion. (2014, 4 min)



Brilliant Darkness: Hotaru in the Night

Emily Driscoll

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM

'Brilliant Darkness: Hotaru in the Night' explores the importance of darkness through the study and preservation of firefly habitats in Japan and the United States. Fireflies are reportedly disappearing, as artificial night lights disrupt their 'language of light'. 'Brilliant Darkness Hotaru in the Night' features artists and scientists on different continents working

to understand firefly flash patterns and how to live among wildlife in urban settings. (2014, 12 min)



California: Paradise Burning

Matt Black, Ed Kashi and Sky Dylan-Robbins

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION/AGRICULTURE

Since 2012, California has been suffering through a historically severe drought. For the farmers and ranchers of the Central Valley, the future seems especially 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, 7 min)



Catch It

Sarah Menzies, Let Media

ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE

Léa Brassy grew up surfing the warm waters of Southern France. Accustomed to a life on the road, her nomadic lifestyle takes a pause at the Unstad break in the Lofoten Islands in Northern Norway. Trading in her bikini for a thick wetsuit, she connects with the

surrounding mountains, Arctic surf, and simple living. Whether it's paddling hard for a wave, or chasing after a passion - Léa reminds us that if the timing is right, we have to Catch It. (2014, 10 min)



Chuitna, More Than Salmon On The Line

Trip Jennings, Paul Moinester, Sam Weis, Balance Media

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

"Chuitna" chronicles the journey of 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, 29 min)



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Colorado River, The

Jeff Litton

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

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, 5 min)



Common Ground

Alexandria Bombach

LAND PRESERVATION

Several ranching and farming communities living against the stunning landscape of the Rocky Mountain Front in Montana are faced with the decision of what is to become of this unprotected public land. As the community battles with the idea of proposing more wilderness areas, heritage and tradition are seemingly defended on both sides. When the people begin to raise their voices, they come to find that what is feared most is change. (2014, 18 min)



Coralax, The

Troy Lau, Taylor Redman, Kaya Goosby, Kawelu Higashino

KIDS

Inspired by Dr. Suess's The Lorax, this claymation by four Maui middle school students uses 667 images to show how irresponsible shoreline development can impact our precious reef ecosystem. (2014, 6 min)



Curious Snail, The

Alex Jones

KIDS

The "Curious Snail" showcases the beauty of a snail's simple and small world. All 4K and 5K content is available for commercial licensing upon request. (2014, 1 min)



DamNation

Matt Stoecker, Travis Rummel Directed by Ben Knight

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

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. (2014, 87 min)



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Delta Dawn
 Peter McBride
WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

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 via collaboration, all through his repeated experiences chasing a river to the sea. (2014, 17 min)



DRAWN
 Jeremy Collins
ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE

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. (2014, 41 min)



Dream
 Skip Armstrong
ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE

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. (2014, 5 min)



Dryden- The Small Town that Changed the Fracking Game
 Chris Jordan-Bloch, Kathleen Sutcliffe
ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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, 11 min)



Earthbook
 Bernd Hezel, Ephraim Broschkowski
JUST FOR FUN/ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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 national resources and threatens animals and plants. (2014, 2 min)



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Edge of Impossible, The

Conor Toumarkine, Roy Tuscan

ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE

In the spring of 2014, the High Fives Foundation gave a Winter Empowerment grant to provide the team with the tools and travel necessary for Tony Schmiesing to accomplish “The Edge of Impossible” trip to Points North Heli-Adventures in Cordova, Alaska! This uplifting and truly inspirational video was produced to showcase the human spirit and allow Tony to accomplish the life-long goal of experiencing the weightlessness of pure Alaskan powder skiing. (2014, 13 min)



Great Frack Forward, The

James West, Jaeah Lee

ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Mother Jones’ Jaeah Lee and Climate Desk’s James West traveled to central China and uncovered alarming trends with global consequences. The duo reveals how as China aims to wean itself from coal, it has called on multinational oil and gas giants to help it tap into its vast natural gas resources. As fracking technology crosses over from the fields of Pennsylvania to the mountains of Sichuan, so have questions about its risks and consequences. The practice, which has been linked to contaminated water, methane leaks, and earthquakes in the US, may pose greater risks in China, given what one expert describes as a “pollute first, clean up later” mentality. (2014, 29 min)



Harnessing the Sun to Keep the Lights on in India

Andrew Satter, Vrinda Manglik, Justin Guay

ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

More than 1 billion people throughout the world lack reliable access to electricity. Many live in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia. The costs—in terms of lost economic potential and personal health effects—are staggering. The Center for American Progress and Sierra Club recently 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 video documentary 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, 8 min)



Higher

Steve Jones, Todd Jones, Jeremy Jones

ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE

Jeremy Jones and TGR 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 Teton Gravity Research. Presented by Subaru, 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 rippers. (2014, 17 min)



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I Heard

Michael Ramsey Director, Abbey Smith Producer, Stacy Bare Executive Producer

KIDS

A Seuss-esque journey into some of the 110+ million acres of designated American wilderness that we have to enjoy. Award-winning filmmaker Michael Ramsey's short film celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act which ensures that we will have places "...where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain." (2014, 3 min)



Joanna Macy & The Great Turning

Christopher Landry

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM

Author Joanna Macy presents her understanding of "the Great Turning" -- the third major revolution of human existence after the agricultural and industrial revolutions. (2014, 26 min)



Line in the Sand, A

Justin Clifton, Chris Cresci

LAND PRESERVATION

If you only had 2 minutes to advocate for Wilderness, what would you say? (2014, 2 min)



Little Things, The

Darcy Turenne, Marie-France Roy

ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE

The Little Things' features 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, and directed by Darcy Turenne, in hopes of inspiring others towards sustainability through inspirational speakers like award-winning scientist David Suzuki, positive ideas, and leading a healthy

lifestyle. The key messaging is not to point fingers at what people are doing wrong, but to showcase some of the little things that people can do to contribute to the future of our environment. (2014, 47 min)



Love in the Tetons

Amy Marquis, Dana Romanoff

LAND PRESERVATION

Fifteen years ago, Juan Martinez, an at-risk teenager from south-central Los Angeles, stepped off a bus in Grand Teton National Park and saw the stars for the first time in his life. The experience inspired him to connect more diverse and urban youth to nature, and in the process, he met Vanessa Torres, a park ranger, and fell in love all over again. This

debut film of NPX's 10-part series reveals the compelling journey that led Juan to the Tetons, to Vanessa, and to his renewed vision of the American Dream: one that blooms out of love, inclusion, and our living, breathing national parks. (2014, 9 min)

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Marie's Dictionary

Emmanuel Vaughan-Lee, Go Project Films

INDIEGNOUS PERSPECTIVES

This short documentary tells the story of Marie Wilcox, the last fluent speaker of the Wukchumni language and the dictionary she created in an effort to keep her language alive. (2014, 10 min)



Marijuana Grows and Restoration

Ann Dunsky, Steve Dunsky

LAND PRESERVATION

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, 5 min)



Mixing Oil and Water

Eric Warren

ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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 relevant 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, 10 min)



Monarchs & Milkweed

Steven M. Bumgardner

WILDLIFE AND NATURE

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, 8 min)



Myanmar: Bridges to Change

Mark Fisher, Eric Daft

ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE

7 climbers, 5 Americans and 2 Burmese climbers traveled to the farthest reaches of northern Myanmar to make a first ascent of Gamlang Razi, Southeast Asia's disputed highest peak. The climbers traveled over 270 miles on foot through some of the harshest terrain on the planet, braving extreme heat and moisture, as well as the gambit of jungle creatures. 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. (2014, 40 min)



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The New Environmentalists: Dirty Business (Asia – India)

Will Parrinello, John Antonelli, Tom Dusenbery

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM

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, 4 min)



The New Environmentalists: Home Rules (North America – New York State)

Will Parrinello, John Antonelli, Tom Dusenbery

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM

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



The New Environmentalists: Eagle Eyes (South America – Peru)

Will Parrinello, John Antonelli, Tom Dusenbery

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM

Overcoming a history of traumatic violence, Ruth Buendía united the Asháninka people in a powerful campaign against large-scale dams that would have uprooted indigenous communities that were recovering from Peru's brutal civil war. (2014, 4 min)



The New Environmentalists: Habitat for The Endangered (Island Nations – Indonesia)

Will Parrinello, John Antonelli, Tom Dusenbery

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM

A biologist by training, 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. (2014, 4 min)



Nobody's River

Skip Armstrong, Amber Valenti

ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE

Four women journey down one of the last free flowing rivers of the world and discover raw beauty, industrial wastelands, devastating loss, and unbridled joy. (2014, 30 min)



OCEANS NORTH ~ Protecting Manitoba's Beluga Estuaries

Trevor Gill

WILDLIFE

Each summer, as the sea ice recedes, 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 like the impact of oil spills or traffic-related noise that threaten to move in through the Port of

Churchill. Watch as biologists, guides, and researchers tag and track beluga whales in order to find out more about their environment, movements, and importance to the Inuit in the region. (2014, 5 min)



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Ola I Ka Wai

Dawn Kaniaupio, 4 Miles LLC

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

The state of Hawaii has an obligation to protect and regulate Hawai'i's water resource for the benefit of its people. Yet 90% of the state's 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. (2014, 34 min)



OR7 – The Journey

Clemens Schenk, CS Production

WILDLIFE

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, 67 min)



Our Power: Black Mesa, AZ

Mark Decena, Teri Heyman, Kontent Films

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM

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, 8 min)



Overburdened/Undermined

Lacey Kennedy

ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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, 12 min)



Phoebe's Humpback Whale Adventure

Tom Fitz, Andi Campbell-Waite

KIDS

Join high school student, Phoebe Fitz, in her quest to learn about humpback whales. She teams up with scientists who study the whales in Hawaii, and learns first-hand what it takes to work on the high seas with these magnificent animals. In Lahaina, she visits a local high school and meets students who are actively involved in the humpback studies. (2014, 15 min)



Pohakuloa: Now that you know do you care?

Dawn Kaniaupio, 4 Miles LLC

INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES

Visitors have long described the islands of Hawai'i as paradise, yet the living heart of the largest island has been bombed by the US military for decades. Pohakuloa's 133,000 acres, much of it sacred, sits in the center of Hawaii, an island that is home to 200,000 residents and 1.5 million visitors annually. Be surprised to hear what's at stake. (2014, 17 min)

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Pride

Roshan Patel

WILDLIFE

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. (2014, 15 min)



Pride of Namibia

Andy Maser, Jenny Nichols

WILDLIFE

Namibia is home to one of the greatest wildlife recovery story ever told. "Pride of Namibia" tells the story of communities committed to protecting wildlife, of a nation that has enshrined conservation into its constitution, and of the future of responsible travel – tourism that directly benefits the people who give wildlife freedom to roam. (2014, 6 min)



The Ridge

Stu Thomson

ADVENTURE

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, 8 min)



River Music

Michael Bloebaum

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

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, 30 min)



River of Eden

Peter McBride

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

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, 5 min)



Rush for Gold

Morgan Schmidt-Feng, Brad Marshland, Filmsight Productions

LAND PRESERVATION

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, 10 min)



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The Sacred Place Where Life Begins

Miho Aida

INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES

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. (2014, 19 min)



School's Out: Lessons from a Forest Kindergarten

Lisa Molomot, Rona Richter

KIDS

No classroom for these kindergarteners. In Switzerland's Langnau am Albis, a suburb of Zurich, children 4 to 7 years of age, go to kindergarten in the woods every day, no matter what the weatherman says. This eye-opening 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. (2014, 36 min)



Sea Change

John Antonelli, Chris Rohio, Eli Olson, Todd Miro, Jeff Springer, Graham Deneen, Will Parrinello

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

"Sea Change" follows the grassroots efforts of Ikal Angelei, a charismatic 31 year-old Kenyan woman, as she tries to mitigate the impact of the Gibe III dam in Ethiopia on the indigenous people who have relied on the Omo River and Lake Turkana as their vital source

of water and food for centuries. (2014, 18 min)



Silent River

Jason Jaacks, Steve Fisher

WATER AND FISH CONSERVATION

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 is a short documentary film that follows a young woman and her family as they defy death threats to try and save one of the most polluted rivers in Mexico. (2014, 25 min)



Spaceship Earth Passenger Briefing

Dave Gardner

JUST FOR FUN

What if every passenger on our planet, Spaceship Earth, had to watch a quick safety video before takeoff? What advice would we get to avoid a crash or other disaster? Fasten your seatbelt and watch! (2014, 2 min)

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Spine of the Continent

Alex Suber, David Spiegel, Brendan Boepple

WILDLIFE

The paradigm of conservation biology is about to change. Climate change, the decline of carnivores on the landscape, and increasing habitat fragmentation all threaten the places that we cherish most: our national parks. Five students set out on a journey to discover what it will take to protect these places into the future. (2014, 17 min)



The Starfish Throwers

Jesse Roesler, Melody Gilbert

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM

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. (2014, 83 min)



Sticky

Jilli Rose

WILDLIFE

A tiny population of remarkable stick insects dodged extinction by hiding under a single windswept bush on a remote sea stack for 80 years. Narrated by one of the scientists who rescued them, Sticky tells a wonderfully positive conservation success story, celebrating the persistence of life, the adventure and passion embedded in science, and the little creatures underfoot. (2013, 20 min)



Story of Place, The

Sinuhe Xavier, Justin Clifton

LAND PRESERVATION

Deep into the unprotected territory of Southeastern 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, 8 min)



Sufferfest

Cedar Wright

ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE

Sufferfest (sʌfər/fest) An activity whereby all participants ache, agonize, ail, be at a disadvantage, be racked, deteriorate, endure, grieve, languish, and/or writhe.. but by co-misery, yet co-hesiveness, will have experienced a grand time. Often survived through sarcasm. Follow Alex Honnold and Cedar Wright on an ambitious human powered adventure to summit all of California's 14,000 foot peaks via technical climbing routes, with no ropes! New to the sport of biking, and having underestimated the scope of the challenge, Alex and Cedar soon spiral down a rabbit hole of sunburn, suffering, and a seemingly endless test of their mental and physical endurance. (2014, 17 min)



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Sufferfest 2: Desert Alpine, AKA: 34 Pieces of Choss and 5 Horrendous Life Experiences

Cedar Wright

ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE

After The original Sufferfest, in which Professional Climbers Alex Honnold and Cedar Wright enchained all of the 14k peaks in California by bike, they swore they'd never do something like that again. But... with selective memory being one of this quirky duo's strengths, less than a year later, they were planning Sufferfest 2, and ambitious bike powered journey to climb 45 of the most iconic Desert Towers in the American Southwest, by bike. This time Alex and Cedar are also finishing the trip with a Solar Project on the Navajo land where they are finishing their trip... but will they finish? The wind, sand, and horrendous rocks soon makes these goofballs wonder what the hell they were thinking. (2014, 26 min)



SYRCL Intro, Marijuana

Jesse Hicks

LAND PRESERVATION

In this humorous animated short, SYRCL enlightens Salmon about the dangers of water diversion, excessive fertilizers, and rat poison in marijuana crop production. Salmon learns how to grow responsibly. (2014, 2 min)

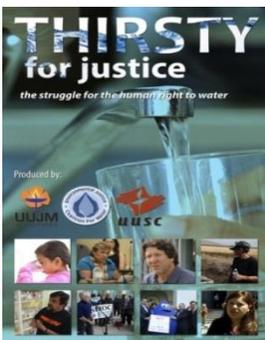


Teton Hooping Contingency

Madison Bayles, Yetifighter Films

JUST FOR FUN

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. (2014, 8 min)



Thirsty for Justice: The struggle for the human right to water

Rev. Lindi Ramsden, Ian Slattery

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM

In the richest nation on earth - and the wealthiest state in the nation - how can so many people lack access to safe, affordable water for their basic human needs? Thirsty for Justice shares powerful stories of those who suffer from this assault on their personal health and human dignity, as well as the inspiring story of the grassroots movement that made the human right to water the law of the land in California. (2014, 39 min)



Twenty Eight Feet

Kevin A Fraser, Melani Wood

ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE

A short documentary about David Welsford, who 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. (2013, 8 min)

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Unfair Game: The Politics of Poaching

John Antonelli, Mill Valley Film Group, Barry Schienberg, Eli Olson Editor, Will Parrinello

WILDLIFE & NATURE

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, 37 min)



Why I Think This World Should End

Brandon Sloan

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM

Experience this spoken word call to action from Prince Ea. (2014, 5 min)



The Wilderness Act 50th Anniversary

Mark Decena

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, the 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. One of the contemporary themes addressed is wilderness as an antidote to our device-addicted culture. (2014, 8 min)



The World Beyond the World

Paxson Woelbr

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM

Using text adapted from Robert Marshalls "Alaska Wilderness: Exploring the Brooks Range" (1929) and images from Expedition Arguk (2013), "The World Beyond the World" aims to celebrate that most ancient and sublime of human pleasures: moving through a mysterious, beautiful, and unknown landscape. (2014, 3 min)