Friends of Butte Creek

Host the 12th Annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival On Tour

October 27th, at the Sierra Nevada Brewery Big Room

**Canis Lupus Colorado** (18 mins) Ghosts are stirring in Colorado's high country. These are the guardians of a delicate balance. They haunt the trees, the water, the animals - the very fabric of the land itself. Gray wolves shaped this place for eons only to disappear nearly overnight. Canis Lupus Colorado is the story of the past, present, and future of Colorado's now extinct native wolf population. Now we're at a tipping point: the emerging west, the future of our public wildlands, and the health of vast ecosystems are all at stake. And the choice is up to us.

**Chasing Wild: Journey into the Sacred Headwaters** (13 mins) Three friends set off on a 400km bikepacking and packraft expedition - pedaling through vast boreal forest, paddling frigid whitewater, battling monster trout, outrunning a grizzly - through the heart of the sacred headwaters in northwestern British Columbia, birthplace of three critical salmon rivers, and home to the Tahltan people. In the wake of the devastating Mount Polley Mine disaster, the team's goal is to understand what is at stake as a wave of new mines are developed across this remote corner of the province.

**Forgotten but not Gone: The Pacific Fisher** (8 mins) For the past 20 years, conservation organizations have advocated for listing Pacific fisher under the Endangered Species Act. And as recently as 2015, U.S. Fish and Wildlife recommended federal protection for the population. But despite the emergence of new threats, in April of 2016, Fish and Wildlife reversed their decision. Forgotten But Not Gone takes you into a world of drugs and the timber industry as it pulls back the veil on this controversial decision not to list Pacific fisher under the Endangered Species Act - and what it means for the future of the Pacific fisher.

**Letter to Congress** (3 mins) Wallace Stegner’s 1960 letter to Congress about the importance of wilderness is the framework for a new message, one in which our unified voice can help prevent the transfer of our most valuable heritage—our public lands—to private and corporate interests.

**My Irmik** (15 mins) A young father teaches his son about the value of shared adventures, exploration and his ancestral Inuit heritage.
**Protected: A Wild & Scenic River Portrait** (12 mins) Follow river paddler, author, and conservationist Tim Palmer through the enchanting waters of Oregon's Wild Rivers Coast, which has the highest concentration of National Wild & Scenic Rivers in the US. With just a canoe, a camera, and an old van, Tim finds his bliss on these rivers. He shares their beauty while reminding us all about the significance of national Wild & Scenic Rivers program that protects beautiful rivers all across country.

**Salmon Will Run** (16 mins) This is the story of Chief Caleen Sisk of the Winnemem Wintu tribe and the journey to bring our salmon home. Though they are not a federally recognized tribe and are small in numbers, the Winnemem Wintu have made tremendous strides in achieving their mission. They have galvanized people across the country, made their way into federal agency meeting rooms, and have raised $80,000. Our film brings our audience to the heart of the issue, helping them understand what is at stake, and why they need to be involved.

**(Unofficial) History of the National Parks** (4 mins) Want to know the complete story of National Parks in under four minutes? It's hard to do, but this snappy short gives it a good shot. The (unofficial) History of National Parks covers everything from their creation to the challenges they ensure and inadvertently create; and how they provide benefit to both individuals and society.

**Valve Turners** (9 mins) On October 11, 2016, in solidarity with Standing Rock and in response to the climate emergency we are facing, a team of activists took direct action shutting off the 5 pipelines carrying tar sands oil from Alberta, Canada into the United States.

**Water Warriors** (22 mins) In 2013, Texas-based SWN Resources arrived in New Brunswick, Canada to explore for natural gas. In response, a multicultural group of unlikely warriors—including members of the Mi’kmaq Elsipogtog First Nation, French-speaking Acadians and white, English-speaking families—set up a series of road blockades, preventing exploration. After months of resistance, their efforts not only halted drilling; they elected a new government and won an indefinite moratorium on fracking in the province. *Water Warriors* is the story of a community’s successful fight to protect their water from the oil and natural gas industry.
**Wild Olympics** (9 mins) Follow paddlers Adam and Susan Elliott as they kayak, fish, packraft and explore the wild rivers of the Olympic Peninsula. The peninsula’s wild rivers provide clean water, world-class recreation and unmatched opportunities for inspiration and solitude. They bring jobs and economic benefits to local communities and provide critical habitat for salmon, steelhead and a variety of other fish and wildlife. Wild and Scenic designation—the strongest protection a river can receive—ensures that the free-flowing character, water quality and outstanding values of these rivers are protected for generations to come.

**Wild Owyhee** (14 mins) Tucked away in southeastern Oregon is a gem of a wilderness. For those in the know - ranchers and anglers, trail runners and climbers, hikers and campers who venture out here - it’s a place of beauty, solitude and ecological value. It’s also the largest conservation opportunity remaining in the lower 48 states – and it’s at risk.

**Wildlife and the Wall** (5 mins) Filmmaker Ben Masters (*Unbranded*) goes into the heart of the Big Bend, the last true wilderness in the state of Texas, to consider what effects building a border wall might have on wildlife dispersals, migratory corridors, and access to the Rio Grande, the only water source in a harsh desert environment.