

## Celebrate the Season with the 8th Annual Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival

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The films come from renowned filmmakers who search backcountry corners across the globe to submit their best work, and from grassroots filmmakers who take a video camera out on their weekend excursions and submit their best film short. The entries are juried by a panel of judges and the top selections are assembled into a 90 minute program.

The festival was created eight years ago to highlight Winter Wildlands Alliance&rsquo;s efforts to preserve and promote winter landscapes for human-powered users. From a single showing in Boise that first year, the festival has grown to include showings in locations throughout the United States, Canada and overseas to Antarctica, Europe, Australia and Asia. Funds raised stay in local communities to support like-minded, human-powered recreation efforts and to raise awareness of winter management issues, avalanche training/safety and winter education programs.

This year&rsquo;s program includes seven films:

- Winner of the Best of the Backcountry award, Skiing the Void from Sweetgrass Productions is a reflection on taking chances during their two-year odyssey in the Andes.

- A festival cut of Further, from Teton Gravity Research, brings the return of Jeremy Jones and friends to push the limits of their mountain experience under their own power.

- Luc Mehl, winner of the Hans Sari Scholarship and winner of this year&rsquo;s Best Grassroots Film, chronicles an epic trip across the wild in Alaska Wilderness Classic.

- A Story of Trust is a call for climate recovery from a nine-year-old activist and the winner of this year&rsquo;s Best Environmental Film.

- Denali Experiment is a look at a different type of expedition film from Camp4Collective.

- From Switchback Entertainment comes Freedom Chair, an athlete&rsquo;s journey back to the slopes and his love of winter.

- Unicorn Sashimi from Felt Soul Media highlights the amazing winter snowscapes of Japan

For more information on the Backcountry Film Festival and the tour please visit [www.backcountryfilmfestival.org](http://www.backcountryfilmfestival.org), or “like” Backcountry Film Festival on Facebook.

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