

2019 MT TWS CONFERENCE



RUNNING WILD (7:06)

Director: *Danny Schmidt*

In February of 2014, a remotely triggered camera in Utah's rugged Uinta mountains captured a picture of something no one thought possible in the area: a wolverine. This elusive creature hadn't been spotted here for nearly 40 years. This one photograph set in motion a massive undertaking to find if these badasses of the animal kingdom were setting up shop here for good. Under the guidance of Adventure Scientists for Conservation, ultrarunners took to the mountains setting up and checking camera traps around the ecosystem in search of more photographic evidence. The result? A comprehensive survey of wildlife in the range and a model for citizen science projects everywhere.

MOVIE NIGHT!! TUESDAY – 9PM

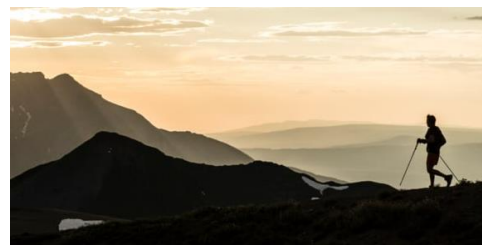


EXPLORERS FOR BATS (13:28)

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Bats in North America are threatened by a lethal disease called White-nose Syndrome (WNS). Millions of bats have died in eastern North America and the disease has now been found in the west. The first step in protecting bats against WNS is knowing where they live. But, because many bats roost in cracks in cliffs or in boulder fields, they can be tough to find! Outdoor enthusiasts, like climbers, scramblers, canyoneers and hikers can help bat experts and wildlife managers by leaving bats alone and reporting bat sightings. An online reporting tool is being developed, stay tuned!

LOCATION: NATATORIUM



A FEW STEPS FURTHER (12:54)

Director: *Erik Petersen*

When Kevin Davis first began running, he was overweight and out of shape. He tried, but failed to finish a 1-mile run. Now, years later, he runs 100-mile races. He uses that fitness to support his other passion - backcountry hunting. In 2017, Davis was selected to run the Hardrock 100. Two months later he attempts a backcountry mountain goat hunt in the wilds of Alaska. The film looks at the crossover between endurance sports and hunting, and the need for public lands and wild places to do both.



Jumbo Wild (60:00) *Sweetgrass Productions, Bullfrog Films*

At the headwaters of the Columbia River in BC's Purcell Mountains, Jumbo Creek cascades out of deep snowpack, past crumbling glacial ice, wildflowers, and grizzly tracks. The Jumbo Valley has long been revered for its beauty; and to the Ktunaxa Nation, it is known as Qat'muk, home of the grizzly bear spirit. Part of an important international wildlife corridor, the Jumbo Valley is one of only two areas in North America where grizzly bears can freely roam between Canada and the U.S. But, for nearly 25 years, local people -- First Nations, conservationists, backcountry skiers -- have fought a large-scale ski resort in Jumbo. Developers face environmental assessments, political roadblocks, and local outcry.

JUMBO WILD highlights the tension between the protection of wilderness and ever-increasing development interests in wild places, while bringing to life the passionate fight to protect the Jumbo Valley