

Best of the Fest 2018 Film Program



[A Letter to Congress](#)

Award Winner: 2018 Best Short

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 Irnik](#)

Award Winner: 2018 Kids Jury, Best Film

A young father teaches his son about the value of shared adventures, exploration and his ancestral Inuit heritage.



[Keepers of the Future](#)

Award Winner: 2018 Honorable Mention

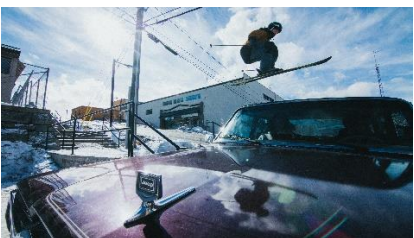
In a fertile floodplain, where the great river meets the sea, a peasant movement puts down roots – growing resilience in the scorched earth of exile and war. But soon these farmers and fishing folk discover new challenges, and this time they are global: climate crisis,



[During The Drought](#)

Award Winner: 2018 John de Graaf Environmental Filmmaking Award

A Kansas Farmer, Michael Thompson, regenerates his soils with no-till, cover-crops and Adaptive Multi-Paddock (AMP) grazing – giving his farm resilience during the severe 2011 and 2012 droughts.



[Imagination: Tom Wallisch](#)

We've all been that kid sitting in the back seat of our family car, wishing we were somewhere else. Through the boredom, the driveway snow piles, sidewalk handrails and stair sets start to tease our inner skier. Watch day dreams come to life as Tom Wallisch shreds the snowy streets of Nelson, British Columbia.



[Mothered by Mountains](#)

Award Winner: 2018 Honorable Mention

Pasang Lhamu Sherpa Akita, Nepal's leading female mountain guide, has been on top of the tallest peaks on Earth. When she teams up to make a first ascent with an unlikely partner – local punk-rock icon, Sareena Rai – they both find that the paths to the greatest summits lie within.

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Valve Turners

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

Award Winner: 2018 Best in Theme

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 out to fight to protect their water from the oil and natural gas industry.