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WORLD PREMIERE YELLOWWOOD FILM FEATURED AT JAN. 14 FILM & MUSIC FESTIVAL IN BLOOMINGTON

- **WHEN:** Sunday, January 14: Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; show runs from 5:30 - 8 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Buskirk-Chumley Theater, 114 E Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington
- **TICKETS:** \$25; \$15 for youth under 18 & students w/ ID. Tickets available via the Buskirk-Chumley box office in advance, at the door the night of the event, or at <https://www.bctboxoffice.org/>. The event is a benefit for the Indiana Forest Alliance.

The public response to the DNR's logging of the Yellowwood State Forest Back Country Area is naturally dramatic. Brown County filmmakers John and Hannah Boggs have been documenting the tug of war between the state government's logging policies and the public's love for this forest.

The as-yet-unnamed film will have its world premiere Sunday evening, January 14 at the Buskirk-Chumley Theater. The 15-minute film will be the centerpiece of the 2018 Wild & Scenic Film Festival.

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival features a collection of short films from the annual festival in Nevada City, CA, now in its 15th year. "We've chosen to add to the roster of films about global environmental activism with several films about efforts to protect nature here in Indiana," says Sandra Messner, Outreach Director at the Indiana Forest Alliance, who will also emcee the event.

The other Indiana-based films include *Little Warriors* (by Sam Mirpoorian), a short documentary about K-12 students lobbying Indiana mayors to create climate resiliency plans; *Faces of the Forest* (by Sarah Johnson) short profiles of three diverse Hoosiers' relationships to forests; and *White River Stories* (by Mark Dawson) about the successful defense of the White River corridor against a proposed reservoir. Additional films feature tales of environmental heroism from Ecuador and Tasmania. [\[see full film line-up here\]](#).

“Great, local Americana music is another reason to attend the festival,” says Messner. “Songs by these singer-songwriter-musicians will be woven in among the films: Tim Grimm, Cari Ray, Malcolm Dalglish, Tom Roznowski, and The Hammer and the Hatchet.”

Attendees can enjoy eats from The Big Cheeze food truck, as well as raffle prizes big and small. The event is a benefit for the Indiana Forest Alliance, whose mission is to preserve and restore Indiana’s native hardwood ecosystem for the enjoyment of all. IFA has led the campaign to protect the Yellowwood State Forest Backcountry area in Brown County.

“This year’s festival has a record number of sponsors, including Wasatch Lake, JL Waters Outfitters, Genuine Wealth Financial Planning & Trusts, Do317.com, An Squared LLC, and Tanner’s Creek Whiskey,” says Messner. Additional sponsors include the IU Integrated Program in the Environment, Bloomington Brewing Company/One World Enterprises, Loren Wood Builders, Indy Urban Hardwood and the Limestone Post. The Wild & Scenic Film Fest is presented by the Indiana Forest Alliance & organized by the South Yuba River Citizens League in California.

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival steering committee includes Julie James, Lora Kemp, Kevin Lynch, Amanda Nurre, Liz Pinnick, David Seastrom, and Sandra Messner.

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About Indiana Forest Alliance: IFA is a non-profit, statewide organization founded in 1996 and dedicated to preserving and restoring Indiana’s native hardwood forest ecosystem for the enjoyment of all.