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**Environmental Film Festival Returning For Third Year In Bloomington and Launches New Festival in Fort Wayne**

(Indianapolis—January 27, 2020) The Indiana Forest Alliance (IFA) is once again hosting its popular Wild & Scenic Film Festival, this time in two locations, Bloomington (February 16) and Fort Wayne (March 22). This year's lineup, which will feature the same films at both locations, includes 10 films, two of which were produced in Indiana. Teardrop Pictures, a film company based in Indianapolis, produced *Snag in the Plan*. This film documents the story of IFA's search for the once common Northern long-eared bat. IFA's short animated film *Our Imperiled Forests* examines the threats to Indiana's state forests and how citizens can work to combat them.

"The main purpose of the film festival is to promote advocacy and education on environmental concerns that affect us all," said Elizabeth Tollefson, IFA's director of development. "The festival is also a wonderful opportunity for Hoosiers who love Indiana forests to come together for an entertaining evening and leave feeling inspired. You are guaranteed to learn something new!"

The full lineup features films from diverse storytellers and settings, including the conservation efforts as told by a Rwandan park ranger. Another film follows the story of a group of Indigenous women fighting against fossil fuel pollution in Louisiana. As has been the custom, this year's festivals will feature a raffle and local musicians, The Hammer & The Hatchet and Chris Wolf.

The film festival, which benefits the IFA, is an exciting opportunity to "engage with like-minded people who care about Indiana nature," said Monroe County resident David Seastrom, a member of the Wild & Scenic Film Festival steering committee.

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The Wild & Scenic Film Festival, presented by the IFA, is organized by the South Yuba River Citizens League in California. 2020 marks the 18<sup>th</sup> year of the Wild & Scenic Film Festival nationally.

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

## Media Resources

**Film Lineup:** <http://indianaforestalliance.org/wild-and-scenic-film-festival>

**Festival Image Stills:** <http://bit.ly/Images-WSFF-Indiana>

### *Bloomington Wild & Scenic Film Festival*

Date: February 16, 2020, 6 pm to 8:30 pm, doors open at 5:30 pm

Location: Buskirk-Chumley Theater, 114 E. Kirkwood Ave., Bloomington, IN 47408

Tickets: \$25; \$15 for students with a valid ID

Online ticket sales: <http://bit.ly/WSFF-Bloomington>

### *Fort Wayne Wild & Scenic Film Festival*

Date: March 22, 2020, 6 pm to 8:30 pm, doors open at 5:30 pm

Location: Rhinehart Recital Hall, 2101 Coliseum Blvd. E, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Tickets: \$25; \$15 for students with a valid ID

Online ticket sales: <http://bit.ly/WSFF-FortWayneTickets>