

Butte County Fire Safe Council presents: “Films on Good Fire” – Matinee – 2 pm

Fireforest

In August 2020, the Cameron Peak Fire was racing uncontrollably towards communities in northern Colorado. As it reached two forest restoration treatments, a near-miracle occurred. The treatments gave firefighters a foothold to stop a portion of the fire. This story shows us what’s possible if we learn to live with fire.



The Fire Poppy

Fire is a natural and necessary part of our ecosystem, though it’s often feared as a threat to our landscapes and communities. “The Fire Poppy” profiles female firefighter Sasha Berleman and her enduring relationship with fire. The short film delves into her evolving perspective, from seeing fire as a threat to developing a deep interest in it, and eventually recognizing fire as a valuable tool to heal and protect.

Reforeesting California after Wildfire

Large, severe wildfires are reshaping California’s landscape – burning important ecosystems and threatening communities, wildlife, water and recreation. Today, millions of acres need to be reforested. This short film follows efforts underway in the Sierra Nevada, home to the world’s population of giant sequoias, as American Forests, the USDA Forest Service and others race to return healthy forests to the landscape.



Local Films

Story of Resilience: The Park Fire, Cohasset, and Collaborative Successes – Andrew Burke, Butte County Fire Safe Council

This is wildfire resilience in action. When the Park Fire threatened Cohasset on July 25, 2024, years of strategic action- like fuels reduction and community-driven wildfire safety efforts ended up paying off.

Danger in Plain Sight Episode 1

The series follows **The [Lookout Director, Zeke Lunder](#)**, on a journey from Altadena to Palisades alongside some of his most seasoned wildfire expert friends (see bios below). As they traverse the city on bikes, they grapple with historic and recent wildfire events and squarely face current and future fire danger. This series is for anyone who is curious about Southern California’s unique fire issues.



Danger in Plain Sight Episode 2

Zeke Lunder has worked in wildfire for almost 30 years. His experience includes two decades working as a wildfire mapping specialist and wildfire analyst on many of the largest fires in California history. Zeke has designed and managed wildfire fuels reduction projects, and worked as a prescribed fire instructor and burn boss. He started **The Lookout** during the Dixie Fire because there was a need for more accurate and accessible information about wildfire location and wildfire context. Zeke says, “We are drowning in misinformation, and even the good information which gets out often lacks any historical context or geographic specificity. It often seems that the public information officers on major wildfires don’t give the public enough credit for being able to understand nuanced messages or the operational details of how the fire is being fought.”



Story of Resilience: Thompson Fire, Strategic Grazing and Community Empowerment – Andrew Burke, Butte County Fire Safe Council

In the face of wildfire, every action has a story to tell. For two Oroville residents, their journey began at a grazing workshop hosted by the Butte County Fire Safe Council.



Friends of Butte Creek Wild and Scenic Film Festival Evening Program “Wild at Heart” - 6 pm



Judy’s Creek – Discovering the Secret Life of the Streambed – 5 minutes

Follow ecologist, educator, and author, Dr. Judy Li, into the world of caddisflies, the artisans of the aquatic world. With contagious passion, Judy shares how her childhood curiosity led to a career in freshwater science, and how she has found ways to share the joys of science with audiences of all ages.

Sponsored by FlowWest and an Anonymous Fish Biologist

About Damn Time - 24 minutes -

Amidst the roar of rapids and the serenity of the Grand Canyon, ABOUT DAMN TIME chronicles the journey of trailblazing boatwomen who, guided by legacy and determination, challenge a male-dominated world, protect sacred rivers, and pass the oars to the next generation. Dories—delicate, hand-crafted wooden boats—are known as the ballerinas of the river. They first danced on the Colorado River in the 1970s, introduced by environmentalist Martin Litton to immerse people in the Grand Canyon’s majesty and rally support against damming and destruction. Today, as the fight over Colorado River rights intensifies, river guides carry on this legacy, advocating for the protection of the Grand Canyon, the Colorado River, and its sacred places.



Sponsored by the Wild Salmon Center



Dos Rios – A Story of Renewal – 17 minutes -

River Partners presents “Dos Rios: A Story of Renewal.” Follow actor Ethan Peck to California’s newest state park where the San Joaquin and Tuolumne rivers meet. The Central Valley has lost 95% of its riparian habitat since colonization—and with it, 95% of the Native culture. Can restoring these vital river ecosystems not only heal nature, but also restore human connections lost along the way?

Sponsored by FishBio

Don’t Doubt the Trout – 13 minutes -

Bernard and Rebecca of the band, Par Avion, are not your average surf rock musicians. They're passionate fly fishing anglers and conservationists who are advocating for the protection of California's endangered Steelhead trout. As ambassadors to CalTrout, they've become observers on the ground to document the health of Southern California's waterways, especially around Malibu's 100-ft Rindge Dam, a major obstacle to wildlife. Thanks to the efforts of CalTrout and advocates like Bernard and Rebecca, the Rindge Dam is due to be removed with demolition work planned to begin 2028 and finish in 2035.

Sponsored by CalTrout and Chico Area Flyfishers



Wild Hope: Cougar Crossing – 14 minutes

Los Angeles is well known for its celebrities, so when the fearless cougar P-22 gained fame for making its home in the midst of the city, he inspired an effort to build the world’s largest wildlife crossing and helped spark a national campaign to support crossings and corridors everywhere.

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Freya – 4 minutes –

Feel inspired by 9 years old Freya, who shares how she uses climbing as a practice to lean into discomfort and fear to help her navigate her neurodiversity. The strength she gains through both are applicable and inspirational to us all.



CANAFORNIA – 2 minutes Everything Everywhere All on Bikes. What if you could go to a hotel where the elevator opened up to the perfect trail? Every floor a different zone? Would you ever leave? Welcome to Hotel Canafornia.



Here the Wild Things Are – 9 minutes -

Aotearoa joins a fun, global competition where ecologists and enthusiasts scour cities to uncover the weird and wonderful wild. But can they save the planet, one photo at a time?

Sponsored by AltaCal Bird Alliance



Ride to Slide – 6 minutes -

A skier takes on a solo multi-week bikepacking and ski mountaineering journey. With a simple change of perspective, it turns out our home range is all we need.

Wild Hope: Protecting Paradise – 14 minutes –

On Panama's remote Pearl Islands, marine biologist Callie Veelenturf is using her research on endangered sea turtles to help the country enshrine the rights of nature into law—and help the communities living there protect their own environment and livelihood.

