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The Accord

(2016, Iceland, 19 min) Filmmaker: RC Cone Website: https://www.theaccordfilm.com/

Film Synopsis: Being so far removed from the hustle and bustle of the tropical surf world hardens Iceland's surfers to confront the the harsh reality they all must face – that old and unforgiving North Atlantic wind.

Ace and the Desert Dog

(2015, USA, 9 min)
Filmmaker: Brendan Leonard, Semi-Rad Media
Website: www.semi-rad.com
Film Synopsis: For his 60th birthday, adventure photographer Ace Kvale and his dog, Genghis Khan, set out on a 60-day trek in Utah's canyon country.

Being Hear

(2016, USA, 10 min) Filmmaker: Matt Mikkelsen

Website: http://www.pmorsephotos.com/beinghear/

Film Synopsis: There is an epidemic of extinction of silence on our planet. World-renowned nature sound recordist and acoustic ecologist Gordon Hempton works to protect the few remaining quiet places from noise pollution.

Danny MacAskill's Wee Day Out

(2016, UK, 6 min)
Filmmaker: Stu Thomson
Website: http://www.redbull.com/se-en/danny-macaskill-wee-day-out
Film Synopsis: Want to see what Danny MacAskill does on his day off? Explore the rural landscape around Edinburgh in a film that sets out to capture the simple fun of a ride in the country with moments of incredible riding and a touch of humour.

Devotion: Libby Peter

(2016, UK, 5 min) Filmmaker: Matt Pycroft Website: www.coldhousecollective.com **Film Synopsis:** Libby Peter, one of the UK's most respected climbers, reflects on how climbing has shaped her life, from childhood through becoming a British Mountain Guide and a mother.

Dog Power (Tour Edit)

(2016, USA, 25 min) Filmmakers: Kale Casey, Jordan Schevene

Website: www.dogpowermovie.com

Film Synopsis: Get a fascinating view of the world of dog-powered sports and the special bond between dogs and their humans. Both share a passion for living, working and playing together outside in different forms of the sled-dog and musher relationship.

Doing It Scared

(2016, Australia, 11 min) Filmmaker: Catherine Pettman Website: www.rummin.com

Film Synopsis: Eighteen years after a catastrophic accident which left him partially paralyzed, climber Paul Pritchard returns to the Totem Pole to find out if he has recovered enough to finish the climb.

DreamRide

(2016, Canada, 5 min) Filmmaker: Lacy Kemp (producer), Ryan Gibb (Director) Website: http://juicystudios.com

Film Synopsis: Enter a dream world where the trail never ends. Where the promise of joy and freedom exist around each bend. Take a magical trip through beautiful landscapes and join us on this *DreamRide*, a mountain bike adventure unlike any other.

Elk River

(2016, USA, 27 min) Filmmaker: Jenny Nichols Website: www.elkriverfilm.com

Film Synopsis: A modern band of explorers join their ungulate counterparts on a trek from Wyoming's ranch lands over mountain passes and treacherous river crossings to the rugged beauty of Yellowstone's high-alpine meadows. Along the way, they meet backcountry guides and cattle ranchers whose lives are intricately tied with the fate of the elk.

Fast Forward

(2016, USA, 8 min) Filmmaker: Anna Callaghan Website: www.talwegcreative.com

Film Synopsis: For bikepacker and ultra-long-distance racer Lael Wilcox, taking on the Arizona Trail – more than 1280 kilometres miles of desert singletrack – is a challenge unlike any other.

FIFTY – The Movie (Tour Edit)

(2016, New Zealand, 29 min) Filmmaker: Malcolm Law

Website: www.fiftythemovie.co.nz

Film Synopsis: Follow one man's bold attempt to run 50 mountain marathons over 50 peaks in just 50 days, around the spectacular landscapes New Zealand, in order to raise money for the Mental Health Foundation.

For The Love (Tour Edit)

(2016, USA, 14 min) Filmmaker: Todd Wells

Website: www.mountainmindcollective.com

Film Synopsis: When you want to make first descents, you have to push the limits of what's possible and what's known as you explore the most difficult and remote whitewater in the world.

Four Mums In A Boat (Tour Edit)

(2015, UK, 30 min) Filmmaker: Simon Tucker Website: www.bowriverfilms.com

Film Synopsis: When four middle-aged working British mums announced they wanted to row the Atlantic Ocean, their families thought they had lost their minds.

The Great Siberian Traverse

(2016, Canada, 27 min) Filmmaker: Malcolm Sangster Website: www.sherpascinema.com

Film Synopsis: All aboard for the adventure of a lifetime, a 1,200-kilometre ski journey through Russia, along the Trans-Siberian Railway. We'll stumble upon a fringe backcountry skiing community, deep Siberian powder, and skiing's ancient origins.

Gyalmu's House

(2016, UK, 19 min) Filmmaker: Gavin Carver Website: https://gyalmushouse.wordpress.com/ **Film Synopsis:** In 2015, an earthquake of terrible power devastated the

Langtang Valley in Nepal, taking hundreds of lives from the small community. A year later, Nima Gyalmu, a woman of extraordinary strength, dignity, and humour rebuilds her house while coming to terms with her new world.

Iran: A Skier's Journey

(2016, Canada, 12 min) Filmmaker: Jordan Manley Website: www.askiersjourney.com

Film Synopsis: Cautioned not to travel to Iran, skiers Chad Sayers and Forrest Coots decide to go, regardless. They find comfort, bedazzlement, and a surprisingly cool ski culture.

Max Your Days

(2016, Canada, 4 min) Filmmaker: Malcolm Sangster Website: www.sherpascinema.com **Film Synopsis:** Summer solstice on Canada's West Coast – the possibilities are endless!

Metronomic (Tour Edit)

(2016, France, 5 min) Filmmaker: Vladimir Cellier Website: www.barakafilms.com

Film Synopsis: High above the Gorges du Verdon, a skillful blend of artists and high-level balancing athletes play a high energy symphony devoted to risk. It's a hymn that melds visual performance and contemplative poetry into pure entertainment.

Mira

(2016, Hong Kong, 42 min) Filmmaker: Lloyd Belcher Website: http://www.miraraifilm.com/

Film Synopsis: Growing up in a remote mountain village in Nepal, Mira always dreamed of being successful in sport despite all the challenges that she and other Nepali girls face, which has prepared her perfectly for the sport of running.

Northbound

(2016, Norway, 10 min) Filmmaker: Anders Graham Website: www.turbinfilm.no

Film Synopsis: Four skateboarders head north above the Arctic Circle to the cold Norwegian coast to apply their urban riding skills to a canvas of beach flotsam, frozen sand, and pastel skies. The result is a beautiful mashup of biting winds, ollies and one ephemeral miniramp.

Packing It Out: Cleaning America's Wild

(2016, USA, 4 min) Filmmaker: Colin Arisman and Luke Kantola Website: www.wildconfluence.com

Film Synopsis: Follow the guys from the "Packing It Out" crew as they pick up litter – and inspire everyone they meet – along the Pacific Crest Trail.

The Perfect Flight

(2016, USA, 5 min) Filmmaker: Joshua Izenberg Website: <u>www.speculativefilms.com</u>

Film Synopsis: When some neighborhood kids gave Shawn Hayes an abandoned red-tailed hawk chick, it launched him on a lifelong journey into the medieval traditions of falconry.

Poumaka

(2016, USA, 15 min) Filmmaker: Andy Mann, Keith Ladzinski Website: www.3stringspro.com

Film Synopsis: With hopes of summiting the elusive Poumaka Tower, American bouldering champion, Angie Payne, leaves everything she knows behind as she ventures deep into the French Polynesian jungle with veteran climber and explorer, Mike Libecki.

Ruin and Rose (Tour Edit)

(2016, USA, 7 min) Filmmaker: Ben Sturgulewski Website: www.skimovie.com

Film Synopsis: Follow these talented freeskiers as they tackle very different terrain in search of gorgeous jumps in Whistler and big lines in Alaska.

Sea Gypsies: The Far Side of the World (Tour Edit)

(2016, USA, 46 min)

Filmmaker: Nicholas Edwards

Website: http://www.seagypsiesmovie.com/

Film Synopsis: The vessel is Infinity, a 120-ft hand-built sailing ketch, crewed by a community of wanderers. The journey – a 12,800-kilometre Pacific crossing from New Zealand to Patagonia, with a stop in Antarctica, weather permitting. This film epitomizes the spirit of adventure.

SHIFT

(2016, Canada, 28 min) Filmmaker: Kelly Milner Website: http://www.shiftthefilm.info

Film Synopsis: Near a sacred mountain in the Yukon, an Indigenous community transforms itself into a world-class mountain biking destination through the hard work of their young trail crews.

The Super Salmon

(2016, USA, 25 min) Filmmaker: Ryan Peterson

Website: www.salmonbeyondborders.org

Film Synopsis: Those who plan to construct a hydroelectric mega-dam on Alaska's Susitna River say it wouldn't affect the salmon runs because of its location – upstream of where fish usually swim. Tell that to the Super Salmon.

Trail Dog

(2016, South Africa/France, 5 min)

Filmmaker: Dean Leslie

Website: www.theafricanattachment.com

Film Synopsis: In a small village in the south-east of France, a young man explores the mountains with his dogs. *Trail Dog* is an ode to the beauty and happiness that can be found in the simplest of things – friendship.

When We Were Knights

(2016, USA, 12 min)

Filmmaker: Anson Fogel

Website: www.forgemotionpictures.com

Film Synopsis: How can you express everything that you want to somebody you love, knowing that if you don't, that might be the last opportunity that you have? That is a reality that we all face, but for BASE jumpers, the risk of death sometimes results in something amazing and unexpected - love.

Young Guns

(2016, USA, 27 min) Filmmaker: Sender Films Website: www.reelrocktour.com

Film Synopsis: Meet the new faces of climbing: 14-year-old Ashima Shiraishi and 15-year-old Kai Lightner. Pushed outside their comfort zone, Kai and Ashima learn some hard but important lessons that will carry them to even greater heights.

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The Fledglings

(2016, USA, 26 min) Filmmaker: Cedar Wright Website: www.cedarwright.com

Film Synopsis: As longtime professional climbers who eat, sleep and live the sport, Cedar Wright and Matt Segal are used to being competent, comfortable, and at the top of their game. But when they take up paragliding, it's a different game entirely.

Give Me Five

(2016, France, 11 min) Filmmaker: Arnaud Longobardi Website: www. Longo-spots.com

Film Synopsis:

Join a madcap group of French free-falling flyers as they try to perform the aerial stunt of a lifetime in the Chamonix Valley.

La Liste (Tour Edit)

(2016, France, 14 min) Filmmaker: Guido Perrini Website: www.timelinemission.com

Film Synopsis: In his search to become a better freerider, Swiss ski phenom Jérémie Heitz compiles a list of the most interesting peaks to ride in the Alps. In this special edit, he tackles three of the most extreme descents on the list, following in the paths forged by his heroes.

Locked In

(2016, Canada, 24 min) Filmmaker: Reel Water Productions Website: www.reelwaterproductions.com

Film Synopsis:

Deep in Papua New Guinea's rainforest, a team of kayakers attempt a very committing 13-day first descent in one of the most remote corners of the world.

Not2Bad (Tour Edit)

(2016, Canada, 7 min) Filmmaker: Anthill Films Website: anthillfilms.com

Film Synopsis:

Anthill Films—the crew behind *unReal* and *NotBad*—bring you more wild shenanigans and unbelievable bike riding in Spain.

Sonnie Trotter vs the Totem Pole

(2016, USA, 8 min) Filmmaker: Cameron Maier Website: www.bearcammedia.com

Film Synopsis: Canadian climbers Sonnie Trotter and Will Stanhope head down under to take a stab at the first continuous, all free ascent of the Ewbank Route on The Totem Pole.

Tight Loose: The Tordrillos Foot-Powered Mission

(2016, USA, 9 min) Filmmaker: Teton Gravity Research Website: www.tetongravity.com

Film Synopsis:

Ian McIntosh, Dane Tudor, and Griffin Post flew deep into the Tordrillo Mountains for a month-long winter camping trip in the Alaskan wilderness. Their goal: to climb and ski massive spine lines.

The Trail to Kazbegi

(2015, USA, 16 min) Filmmaker: Joey Schusler Webstie: www.joeyschusler.com

Film Synopsis:

What happens when four like-minded adventurers head into one of the world's wildest mountain ranges with nothing but their mountain bikes and enough food to survive for 10 days? A self-supported mountain-bike mission through the highest reaches of the Caucasus Mountains.