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## The Wild and Scenic Film Festival

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The Clark Fork - Pend Oreille Conservancy is hosting the Wild and Scenic Film Festival again, September 14th and 15th. We could not be happier to be bringing this awesome event back to Sandpoint.

For the past three years we have applied for and received a grant from Patagonia to show this fantastic series of films as an outreach event to support the growth of our organization.

The concept of outreach events is nothing new to non-profit organizations. However, the thing that separates this event from so many others is the format and the fact that it provides such a high level of entertainment, while bringing awareness and raising valuable funding for our continued land conservation activities.

We are striving to protect and maintain the landscape, wildlife and natural resources that we all love, and we are obviously an important asset to this community. So we feel that this is the perfect opportunity for you to come out to a great event, show your support and celebrate with us as we put on one of the best film shows in the Inland Northwest!

The Wild and Scenic Film Festival is similar in many aspects to the Banff Mountain Film Festival. But this year the similarities will end with the types of films that you will see. We are going to have a bunch of other events happening as well, to raise awareness and reach out to more people.

A bit about the films... The selections we have chosen are awe inspiring. Covering conservation and environmental awareness topics that hit close to home, combined with a kid friendly action film mix that covers the globe. Kayaking through the sea-

sons, Mountain Biking with a blind downhiller, Skiing, Surfing, even an inside look from a sports photographer. We will show two nights of films and each night will be a different and inspiring adventure, so you don't want miss either one.

In the past we called it a festival, but we didn't have anything going on other than the films, so we thought we would amp up the festival atmosphere.

This year's festival will be the most exciting one yet! Here is what's in store.

On Wednesday the 12th we will have the Dining for a Cause event at the Little Olive (124 S. 2nd Ave. - Please call 208-597-7499 for reservations) This will be our opening festival event and 25% of the proceeds from the evening are being donated to the Conservancy!

On Friday the 14th we start the films at the Panida. Doors open at 6:00pm and the show starts at 7:00pm. We will feature nine films, serve adult beverages, have a "choose your prize" raffle running, you can join

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as a supporter of our organization and be entered into our grand prize drawings for some back country fun this upcoming season. After the show the festival continues at Eichardt's.

On Saturday the 15th we will show ten more epic films, still be serving adult beverages, still have the "choose your prize" raffle running and will end the films with our grand prize drawings. But the events are not over, because we have one more thing planned. After the films you can head over to Little Olive for the "it's a wrap" party. The music will be bumping, drinks will be flowing and you can dance until your feet fall off.

So this year the Wild and Scenic Film Festival really is festival. We look forward to seeing you at some, if not all of these great events!

*For more information about the Wild and Scenic Film Festival, purchasing tickets, joining as a member, making (tax-deductible) contributions, please contact Eric Grace or Kyler Wolf at the Clark Fork - Pend Oreille Conservancy. (208) 263-9471 or by email: [info@cfpoconservancy.org](mailto:info@cfpoconservancy.org). Our web address is: [www.cfpoconservancy.org](http://www.cfpoconservancy.org) and you can find us on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/CFPOC](http://www.facebook.com/CFPOC)*