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15TH ANNUAL BACKCOUNTRY FILM FESTIVAL COMES TO WILLIAMSTOWN

WILLIAMSTOWN, MA – Calling all winter enthusiasts! Get ready to get goosebumps while you “Ooh!” and “Ahh!” at the impact and importance of our winter wildlands through this collection of short films. The fifteenth annual Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival will show in Williamstown on Saturday, January 11 at the Brooks-Rogers Recital Hall in the Bernhard Music Center located at 54 Chapin Hall Drive on the Williams College campus. The event is free and open to the public.

The Backcountry Film Festival is hosted in partnership by the Williams Outing Club (WOC) whose mission is to support outdoor activities at Williams and to make the outdoors accessible to everyone, regardless of level of experience. Partnering winter recreation stewardship non-profits include: Bennington Area Trail System, Dutch Hill Alliance of Skiers and Hikers (a chapter of the Catamount Trail Association), Green Mountain Club Bennington Section, and the Thunderbolt Ski Runners.

Produced each year as a celebratory, backcountry community event by the Winter Wildlands Alliance, the 15th Annual Backcountry Film Festival film line-up is full of snowy, cinematic adventure sure to inspire both the local backcountry and general communities. Winter Wildlands Alliance is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving winter wildlands and a quality human-powered snow sports experience on public lands.

By partnering with groups at a local level, the Winter Wildlands Alliance raises funds for these groups and communities through the annual Backcountry Film Festival national tour. All funds raised directly benefit local projects and programs that perpetuate access and stewardship of public lands. Adventure, environment and climate, youth outdoors, ski culture- you’ll find it all in this award-winning lineup.

Doors open at 6:30 PM and the screening begins at 7:00 PM. Admission is free and is first come, first served until seats are full. Please arrive early to grab a seat, and check out the information tables! Bring cash for the raffle for chances to win passes and goodies that will help you get outside this winter. Raffle proceeds benefit the partner non-profits ! A limited amount of BCFF DVDs will be available for \$6 for those who may arrive late or want to watch at home. Any updates will be shared on the Facebook event page: <https://tinyurl.com/BCFFWOC20>. To learn more about the films visit <https://winterwildlands.org/backcountry-film-festival/>.

Parking is available at the Parking Garage off of Route 7/North Street , off Mission Park Drive, or at other public parking areas. Parking for those with mobility limitations may be available at the Congregational Church and will be signed for the event. Refer to the campus map at <https://map.williams.edu/>, or search for the building via Google Maps. ###

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