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## Next Weekend Come to Golden for the 20th Annual Colorado Environmental Film Festival

Until Sundance comes to Boulder next year, you can enjoy Colorado's dedicated environment film festival in Golden Feb. 20-22 at the Green Center on the campus of the Colorado School of Mines. I am honored to have been a sponsor of this film festival since its beginning 20 years ago.

This year, CEFF spotlights women climate leaders who are driving real-world solutions to the environmental crisis. *Women of Carbon*, a 58-minute documentary which showcases an all-female team leading carbon solutions in construction, is the featured film on opening night, Friday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. It is followed by a conversation with Dr. Mija Hubler, a leading female film star and Associate Professor at CU Boulder.

The festival concludes with the 3:30 p.m. screening on Sunday, Feb. 22, of *Global Warming*, a 75-minute documentary that examines an extraordinary journey across the planet showing how climate change is affecting our world, what it will really mean for us and what we can do about it, with a special appearance by Mike Nelson, former Channel 7 meteorologist and longtime climate educator.

Tickets are available for single screenings (which typically include more than one film in the same category) for \$15. Saturday and Sunday passes are available



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for \$60, and an all-access pass is \$99. Buy at <http://ceff2026.eventive.org/passes/buy>.

For streaming the following week, the films are grouped into different "collections," and a single \$15 ticket accesses an entire collection. Those collections include Agriculture; Green Building; Energy; Human-Nature Connection; Protecting Our Land; Reclaiming the Land; Real Women, Real Impact; Rivers; and two collections about Wildlife. There are three collections combining a feature film with several shorts, plus a "variety pack."

There are a total of 53 films, 13 of which have ties to Colorado, either by topic or the filmmaker. Another 13 films are from or about other countries, and you will get to see five world premieres. What makes it a true festival is the opportunity to attend discussions after several of the screenings with the filmmaker and others.

There are three theaters within the Green Center (924 16th Street) for the screenings, and you can find the schedule at <http://ceff2026.eventive.org/schedule>.

The lobby of the Green Center is the site of an *Eco-Expo*, where you can connect with multiple environmentally friendly businesses and organizations. Look for my booth, which I'll be manning during those intermissions between screenings.

Here are some of the films and shorts that caught my attention and which I'll try to catch, either live next weekend or while they're available by streaming the following week.

**Citizen Ruth: environmental warrior**, about 96-year-old **Ruth Wright** of Boulder. (69 min.) Both Ruth and filmmaker Pam Hoge will participate in a conversation following the screening.

**From Sea to Shining Sea: Katherine Lee Bates and the Story of 'America the Beautiful.'** (38 min.) Producer will attend.

**The Human Side of Plastic** (19 min.) about microplastics and lobstering in Maine, starring researcher Abby Barrows.

**Journey Beyond the Grid: The Hawaii Off-Grid Story** (14 min.) about recovery following the Lahaina wildfire disaster.

**Regenerative Ag in the Northern Great Plains** (7 min.) which is set in eastern Montana.



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