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Backcountry Film Festival by Friends of the Rossland Range to feature a Varied Program

The Friends of the Rossland Range is again bringing the Backcountry Film Festival to the Rossland Miner's Hall, featuring a varied program of short films suitable for ALL AGES. The Festival is a single night of diverse films and shorts that promote the work of grassroots filmmakers who tell their stories highlighting backcountry, non-motorized recreation and environmental preservation.

Proceeds from the festival will be used by the Friends of the Rossland Range to achieve its goals to foster the traditions and community spirit of the Rossland Range, work toward keeping this gem a great place to play, and teach the natural recreational, cultural, historical values of the area. For more information visit www.rosslandrange.org.

Friends of the Rossland Range is now working on:

- Inspiring the community-based, multi-use recreation plan for the Rossland Range, including establishing a winter backcountry recreation area in the Old Glory Alpine area;
- Developing a local Streamkeepers program;
- Developing a forest interpretation project; and
- Developing the Trax FoRR Tracks program to identify and report wildlife in the Rossland Range.

The ALL AGES film program is presented below:

Breaking Trail (13:00) *Powderwhore Productions*

Utah, Washington, Spitsbergen, Colorado and Idaho backcountry riding and skiing. Breaking Trail is honored with the Winter Wildland's Alliance "Best of the Backcountry" award. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5G52UjNmzmM>

Ski Bums Never Die (4:07) *Switchback Entertainment*

Baggin' Whitewater's peaks of the Kootenays at 75 years old and lovin' every minute!
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYM8tLJLryU>

Seasons: Winter (6:25) *Skip Armstrong*

An avid kayaker shares his own take on winter adventure with a boat. <http://unofficialnetworks.com/tag/seasons-winter-kayaking>

Kokanee Glacier Adventure 2011 (8:00) *S. S. Ski Bum Productions, Rossland, BC*

Filmed at Kokanee Glacier Park in March, 2011, and edited and directed by 13 year olds Sarah Mosher and Sage Robine, this film also stars Emily Mosher (16) and Natasha Robine (10), filmed by Jim Mosher. The film shares this first family ski touring trip from the eyes of two 12 years olds: fresh powder, sledding, and more.

Rest in Powder (3:11) *Jason Mannings, Nelson, BC*

This short is a celebration of Kootenay winters, skiing and snowboarding in the Kootenays 2010/2011.
<http://vimeo.com/32952177>

BOOM (3:06) *Steve Crowe, Briefly 7 Productions, Golden, BC*

Synchronized to the tune of the Overture of 1812, this short is an interesting angle of Steve Crowe's ski patrol bombing activities at Kicking Horse. <http://www.powdermag.com/stories/boom-bombs-avis-kicking-horse-the-overture-of-1812>

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Winters of My Life (3:30) *Jonathon Burhop*

A portrait of Howard Weamer who has spent the past 35 winters as a hutkeeper in Yosemite's backcountry. He fills his days writing, reading, photographing, and being an ambassador to mountain culture. This is a brief look into his world and why he chooses to stay. <http://vimeo.com/13972943>

Berber Turns (7:30) *Switchback Entertainment*

A ski adventure about a crew who set out to ski the six highest peaks in the Central High Atlas Mountains in Northern Africa, Morocco. <http://unofficialnetworks.com/2011/05/11/2011-telluride-mountainfilm-selection-berber-turnsskiing-central-high-atlas-mountains-morocco>

Solitaire (35:00) *Sweetgrass Productions*

This short version of the feature length film, winner of the Winter Wildland's Alliance "Best of Festival" award, presents beautiful cinematography of this lonely two-year journey in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Peru. The film begins in Las Leñas, wandering from Peru's Cordillera Blanca to Chilean Patagonia. <http://sweetgrass-productions.com/solitaire.html>

The show will be Sunday, February 26, 2012 at the Rossland Miner's Hall – films start at 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm). Admission is \$5 (under 12 are FREE) and tickets can be purchased at Butch Boutry Ski Shop as of February 1. *The past 2 years have SOLD OUT, so we advise purchasing tickets early.*

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