**Videos & Films**

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[**Black Ram**](https://vimeo.com/507170946/393344cc65?embedded=true&owner=1669416&source=vimeo_logo) (2022) 9 min.

Created by Rick Bass and Kier Atherton, this short documentary follows writer and activist Rick Bass through the "Davis fire line" and into what the U.S. Forest Service refers to as Unit 72 of the remote Kootenai National Forest in northwest Montana. This irreplaceable ancient forest, located deep in the heart of the Yaak Valley is set to be destroyed by the recently approved Black Ram logging project.

[**BURNED: Are Trees the New Coal?**](https://burnedthemovie.com) (2017) Feature length: 1h 14 min; Broadcast version: 30 min; [Clips for social media campaigns](https://burnedthemovie.com/clips-for-social-media/): (Trailer and 19 different versions, 30-90 seconds each.)

This feature-length documentary tells the story of the accelerating destruction of our forests for fuel, and probes the policy loopholes, huge subsidies, and blatant green washing by the burgeoning biomass electric power industry, and of the people and parties who are both fighting against and promoting its adoption and use. See their [Take Action](https://burnedthemovie.com/take-action/) link for resources to fight the biomass industry.

[**The Burning Season**](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1321813/?ref_=fn_al_tt_2)(2008), 1h 29 min.

Narrated by Hugh Jackman, this heartwarming Australian documentary looks at the activities of [Dorjee Sun](http://content.time.com/time/specials/packages/article/0,28804,1924149_1924155_1924438,00.html), an Australian entrepreneur as he seeks to find an alternative to slash-and-burn farming in Indonesia, and backers for a carbon trading plan for the forest. Thanks to efforts like carbon trading and [government partnerships](http://blogs.usda.gov/2015/11/19/partnerships-help-accelerate-forest-restoration-increasing-benefits-decreasing-threats/), reforestation of depleted areas can happen on a larger scale.

**ELEMENTAL: Reimagining Our Relationship With Wildfire**  (2022), 78 min.

How can we live -and thrive- with fire, in a hotter drier world? Follow indigenous fire practitioners, research scientists, and fire survivors as they help redefine our relationship with fire.

[**Forbidden Forest**](https://www.nfb.ca/film/forbidden_forest/)(2004), 1h 10 min.

This documentary, co-produced by the National Film Board of Canada examines Canadian forestry and follows two Canadians with ties to the forest while they lobby the Provincial government of New Brunswick to secure a new community-based forestry policy that is environmentally sustainable and produces more jobs than the highly mechanized techniques used today.

[**A Forest Returns: The Success Story of Ohio's Only National Forest**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWEHOq_RD6s)**,** Told by Ora E. Anderson, (2005) DVD, 30 min.

In this oral history, 93-year old Ora "Andy" Anderson recalls the environmental and social conditions that led to the establishment of the Wayne National Forest and our evolving relationship with the land, told with clarity, hope, and a uniquely Appalachian perspective.

[**The Healthiest Forest**](https://youtu.be/2BGkcx2-xiM) (2018), 4 min.

An animated film from the [Old-Growth Forest Network](https://www.oldgrowthforest.net), this overview takes you on a journey representing 300 years in the life of a forest. See how forest structure and biodiversity recover naturally after disturbance, and how continued management like clearcutting, thinning and harvesting interferes with recovery.

[**How Trees Talk To Each Other**](https://www.ted.com/talks/suzanne_simard_how_trees_talk_to_each_other?language=en#t-36889) (2016), 18 min.

TED Talk by ecologist Suzanne Simard explains the harmonious yet complicated social lives of trees and how they talk, often over vast distances. Prepare to see the natural world with new eyes. She closes with four recommendations: get out into forests and understand their complexity, save old-growth forests to protect their DNA diversity, cut less but save legacy trees, and regenerate forests with a diversity of species.

[**If A Tree Falls: A Story of the Earth Liberation Front**](http://www.ifatreefallsfilm.com) (2011) 1hr 25 min.

This documentary examines the lives of those who view nature as something worth protecting by any means necessary. It looks at the history and actions of the [Earth Liberation Front](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth_Liberation_Front) (ELF), a radical group of environmentalists, paying particular attention to Daniel McGowan, who was charged by the FBI with arson. The documentary provides a surprisingly even-handed look at the issue.

[**The Magical Forest**](https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2279532/?ref_=fn_al_tt_1)(2012) 60 min.

An episode of the BBC program *[Secrets of Our Living Planet](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01k73zy" \t "_blank)*, this documentary looks at the interconnectivity of life in temperate forests. Host Chris Packham explores how something as simple as a flying squirrel foraging for food can affect the life of an entire forest. But there’s more at work than adorable flying squirrels, baby bears and lynxes. There’s a story at work: nature as a Jenga tower, weaving a thread from one season to the next, with all of the participants playing a part. It’s easy to see if one part goes, the rest will fall as well.

[**The Mini-Forest Method**](https://www.ted.com/talks/shubhendu_sharma_an_engineer_s_vision_for_tiny_forests_everywhere?language=en), (2014) 4 min.

TED Talk by Shubhendu Sharma, an engineer and eco-entrepreneur, who explains his vision for creating tiny forests in any setting or location. Using the Miyawaki method, a forest grows 10x faster, is 30x more dense, and is 100x more bio-diverse than a normal native forest. Started in India with [Afforestt](https://www.afforestt.com), projects are now located around the world and represented in the US by [Natural Urban Forests](https://www.naturalurbanforests.com).

[**Primary Forests & Proforestation: Nature's Best Climate Solutions**](https://youtu.be/cDHNb-BU__I) (2021) 25 min.

In this fact-filled presentation at a [Climate Smart Forestry](https://www.climatesmartforestry.org/leadership-summit) leadership summit, Dominick DellaSala, PhD (Wild Heritage) explains why the conservation of primary forests (forests that have not been previously logged), and proforestation of some secondary forests (letting forests that are semi-mature and have been previously logged grow back) are critical for climate and biodiversity.

[**Understory**](https://vimeo.com/649340619?embedded=true&owner=13282293&source=video_title) (2021) 40 min.

An award-winning documentary that follows three women who set sail on a 350 mile expedition through Alaska's Tongass National Forest to explore how clearcut logging in this coastal rainforest could negatively affect local communities and our planet's climate. See <https://laststands.org> to learn more about the Tongass and the filmmakers.