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WESTERN WATER DOCUMENTARIES, TALKS, AND SHORT VIDEOS

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3 Thoughtful Ways to Conserve Water (2017, 11 minutes)

According to the UN, nearly one in three people worldwide live in a country facing a water crisis, and less than five percent of the world lives in a country that has more water today than it did 20 years ago. Lana Mazahreh grew up in Jordan, a state that has experienced absolute water scarcity since 1973, where she learned how to conserve water as soon as she was old enough to learn how to write her name. In this practical talk, she shares three lessons from water-poor countries on how to save water and address what's fast becoming a global crisis.

- *Entire TED talk may be viewed via URL provided above.*

4 Ways We Can Avoid Catastrophic Drought (2015, 13 minutes)

As the world's climate patterns continue to shift unpredictably, places where drinking water was once abundant may soon find reservoirs dry and groundwater aquifers depleted. In this talk, civil and environmental engineer David Sedlak shares four practical solutions to the ongoing urban water crisis. His goal: to shift our water supply towards new, local sources of water and create a system that is capable of withstanding any of the challenges climate change may throw at us in the coming years.

- *Entire TED talk may be viewed via URL provided above.*

62 Years (2015, 9 minutes)

The last time Ken Brower traveled down the Yampa River in Northwest Colorado was with his father, David Brower, in 1952. This was the year his father became the first executive director of the Sierra Club and joined the fight against a pair of proposed dams on the Green River in Northwest Colorado. The dams would have flooded the canyons of the Green and its tributary, Yampa, inundating the heart of Dinosaur National Monument. With a conservation campaign that included a book, magazine articles, a film, a traveling slideshow, grassroots organizing, river trips and lobbying, David Brower and the Sierra Club ultimately won the fight—ushering in a period many consider the dawn of modern environmentalism. 62 years later, Ken revisited the Yampa & Green Rivers to reflect on his father's work, their 1952 river trip, and how we will confront the looming water crisis in the American West.

- *Entire short may be viewed via URL provided above.*

Avanyu (Native Waters – Rio Grande) (2016, 8 minutes)

The Avanyu, or water serpent, is a powerful deity of the Tewa people. It is revered as a guardian of water whose curved spine suggests a flowing river. For the Tewa in New Mexico, the river is life. And to Louie Hena and his family it is where they make their living. In this short film, take a trip down the Rio Grande with Louie and his family in their Native Culture Feast and Float to learn about their connection to this Wild and Scenic stretch of water. Created by National Park Experience for American Rivers with support from YETI in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Wild & Scenic Act.

- *Entire short may be viewed via URL provided above.*

A Trout with Feathers (9 minutes)

If you listen closely and long enough, every rivulet, stream and river has a song – each note, measure and verse comprised of every force that has ever shaped it and every creature that has ever drawn life from its waters. And if these watery lifelines have songs, then their most striking melodies are sung by its most charismatic and vocal citizens, the birds.

- *Entire short may be viewed via URL provided above.*

The Arkansas River from Leadville to Lamar (2018, 60 minutes)

This hour-long documentary about the Arkansas River from Leadville to Lamar explores the economic and social importance of the river including its recreational, municipal, and agricultural value. By the year 2050, the population of Colorado is expected to double. But future growth and economic development hinges on a dependable water supply. In response, the State is implementing a water plan that will meet the needs of recreational, municipal and agricultural users. The Arkansas River basin is an important part of that plan, and this documentary will educate and inspire viewers to care for this critically important resource.

- *Trailer at URL provided above.*

Breaking Point: The Story of the Salton Sea (2015, 60 minutes)

The Salton Sea has reached its breaking point and time is running out. Mixing dramatic images of the lake and its shores with commentary from scientists, government officials and local residents, *Breaking Point* reveals the Salton Sea's history, the missed opportunities that have plagued the Sea for decades, and the current options for saving it.

- *Trailer at URL provided above. Available to rent via CSU library for free at <https://colostate.kanopy.com/video/breaking-point-0>.*

Cadillac Desert (1997)

An American four-part documentary series about water, money, politics, and the transformation of nature. The film chronicles the growth of a large community in the western American desert. The first three episodes are based on Marc Reisner's book, *Cadillac Desert* (1986), that delves into the history of water use and misuse in the American West.

- *Parts of the documentary at URL provided above.*

Chasing Rivers: The Colorado, Nat Geo Live (24 minutes)

National Geographic Freshwater Hero Pete McBride paddled and hike the length of the Colorado River Delta, photographing and filming an unprecedented conservation success-the mighty river's triumphant, albeit temporary, return to the sea.

- *Film at URL provided above.*

Colorado River: Running Near Empty (2011, 12 minutes)

Photographer Peter McBride traveled along the Colorado River from its source high in the Rocky Mountains to its historic mouth at the Sea of Cortez. In this Yale Environment 360 video, he follows the natural course of the Colorado by raft, on foot, and overhead in a small plane, telling the story of a river whose water is siphoned off at every turn, leaving it high and dry 80 miles from the sea. In the video, McBride, a Colorado native, documents how increasing water demands have transformed the river that is the lifeblood for an arid Southwest.

- *Entire short may be viewed via URL provided above. Alternatively, a longer episode of Nat Geo Live is also available on the same topic with McBride, more like a TED talk; view here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xt5uJrWW1qE&t=416s>.*

The Cache la Poudre River: Our River Basin Community (2015, 4 minutes)

This animated video created by Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area gives a brief educational history of the river for viewers unfamiliar with local water issues.

- *Entire short may be viewed via URL provided above.*

Cache La Poudre River Restoration through Partnerships (3 minutes)

This video showcases the work of the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department's restoration at McMurry and North Shields Ponds, lowering unnaturally steep riverbanks and removing an abandoned diversion structure which improved the habitat on the Cache la Poudre River. In 2014, the Natural Areas Department received two Blue Grama awards from the Colorado Open Space Alliance for their outstanding conservation work.

- *Available at the URL above.*

CoCoRaHS Water Cycle (7 minutes)

The first in a series, CoCoRaHS Presents: The Water Cycle Learn about the water cycle with this fun new video.

- Available at URL provided above.

The Colorado-Big Thompson Project (8 minutes)

The Colorado-Big Thompson Project collects and delivers on average more than 200,000 acre-feet of water each year. Here is a video snapshot of the history and operations of the Colorado-Big Thompson Project – a system of reservoirs, tunnels and canals that carries West Slope water across the Continental Divide to bring supplemental supplies to about 980,000 residents and 640,000 irrigated acres in Northern Colorado.

- *URL for YouTube channel above.*

Colorado Water Plan (8 minutes)

Colorado's water plan was officially adopted by the CWCB Board and released to Governor John Hickenlooper on November 19th, 2015. This fantastic video was narrated by John Stulp and Kate McIntire and produced by Moxicran Media.

- *URL provided above.*

Conservation Generation (2016, 10 minutes)

The Colorado River irrigates 15 percent of the nation's crops, making Western agriculture an issue that is crucial to the lives and dinner plates of all Americans. *Conservation Generation* is a short film by the National Young Farmers Coalition that offers a look into the lives of four young farmers and ranchers in the arid West. Despite contending with the impacts of historic drought, climate change, and increased competition for water, the film's farmers are each committed to their communities and to finding innovative solutions to water shortages.

- *Entire short may be viewed via URL provided above.*

DamNation (2014, 87 minutes)

This film explores the change in our national attitude from pride in big dams as engineering wonders to the growing awareness that our own future is bound to the life and health of our rivers. Where obsolete dams come down, rivers bound back to life, giving salmon and other wild fish the right of return to primeval spawning grounds, after decades without access.

- *Trailer on main page of URL provided above. Available to rent for \$5.99 at <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/damnation>.*

Delta Dawn (2014, 16 minutes)

The Colorado River hasn't kissed the sea in almost two decades—until the spring of 2014 when an experimental pulse of water was released into this forgotten delta. A team of river runners followed the water to witness this unprecedented restoration effort, and attempted to be the only, and potentially the last to float the Colorado River to the sea by paddle board. With unpredictable adventure as the backdrop, filmmaker Pete McBride tells the story of Western water, a challenged Colorado River and the uplifting potential for environmental restoration via collaboration, all through his repeated experiences chasing a river to the sea.

- *Entire short may be viewed via URL provided above.*

Drought Response on the Yampa River (6 minutes)

In response to the drought in 2012, the Colorado Water Trust brought our innovative, collaborative, market-based tools to restore water to the state's river. This video from National Geographic's Freshwater Initiative features our work with the Upper Yampa Water Conservancy District to release water from the Stagecoach reservoir into the Yampa River through the town of Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

- *URL provided above.*

Flow: For Love of Water (2008, 83 minutes)

Flow is an award-winning documentary investigation by Irena Salina into the growing privatization of the world's dwindling fresh water supply. Salina focuses on politics, pollution, human rights, and the emergence of a domineering world water cartel. She uses interviews with scientists and activists to reveal the rapidly building water crisis at both the global and human scale. Rather than just focusing on the problem, FLOW also provides examples of people and institutions that are working toward practical solutions to the water crisis.

- *Trailer at URL provided above. Available to rent from Amazon for \$3.99 at <https://www.amazon.com/Flow-Love-Water-Maude-Barlow/dp/B006UNHEZ0>.*

Good to the Last Drop (2013, 8 minutes)

This animated short explains approaches to agricultural water conservation in Colorado for viewers unfamiliar with water issues in the state.

- *Entire short may be viewed via URL provided above.*

The Great Divide (2015, 95 minutes)

The Great Divide illustrates the timeless influence of water in both connecting and dividing an arid state and region. From Ancient Puebloan cultures and the gold rush origins of Colorado water law to agriculture, dams, diversions and conservation; the film reveals today's critical need to cross "the great divide," replacing conflict with cooperation.

- *Trailer at URL provided above. Available to rent from Vimeo for \$5.99 at <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/thegreatdivide>.*

Killing the Colorado (2016, 66 minutes)

The American West is in the midst of a serious drought, which compounds the underlying water crisis that stems from overdevelopment, misuse, and political maneuvers carried out long ago. This documentary examines the causes and consequences.

- *Trailer at URL provided above. Available to rent from YouTube for \$1.99 at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEL_ON2E27k.*

Learning by Doing: The Perfect Storm on the Upper Colorado (2015, 9 minutes)

40 million people rely on the Colorado River for drinking water, farming, recreation, and its environmental contributions. Colorado's 2002 drought led to a cooperative effort between water managers, government entities, and local stakeholders who developed collaborative solutions which benefit the river and its communities.

- *Entire short may be viewed via URL provided above.*

Luke Runyon – KUNC water reporting

Luke Runyon is KUNC's reporter covering the Colorado River Basin.

- *Link to Luke's KUNC page above.*

The Mighty River That Dried Up: "I Am Red" (2014, 5 minutes)

For six million years, the Colorado River has carved some of the wildest geological wonders in North America. Today, its waters nourish over 36 million people. But a steady surge of settlers and drastic climate change are threatening the mighty river. In this short from filmmaker Pete McBride, the river becomes the narrator of a visual poem that tells the story of its history, significance, and potential future outcome.

- *Entire short may be viewed via URL provided above.*

NISP (and its SDEIS) in a Nutshell (2015, 8 minutes)

This animated short answers the questions like, what is NISP? What is a supplemental draft environmental impact statement? Why should I care? The film provides a basic understanding of the project and the process of NISP and a foundation from which to dig deeper.

- *Entire short may be viewed via URL provided above.*

PROTECTED: A Wild & Scenic River Portrait (2017, 12 minutes)

Follow river paddler, author, and conservationist, Tim Palmer, through the enchanting waters of Oregon's Wild Rivers Coast, which has the highest concentration of National Wild & Scenic Rivers in the US. With just a canoe, a camera, and an old van, Tim finds his bliss and his calling on these rivers, and has found a way to share their beauty... while reminding us all about the significance of national Wild & Scenic Rivers program that protects beautiful rivers all across the country. Produced in Partnership with the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

- Available at URL provided above.

Return of the River (2014, 69 minutes)

Return of the River tells the story the largest dam removal in history on the Elwha River in Washington State. The film explores an extraordinary community effort to set the river free, and shows an unlikely victory for environmental justice. Told by an ensemble cast of characters, this film offers hope amid grim environmental news, chronicling a dramatic success story that has drawn international attention to the Olympic Peninsula.

- *Trailer on main page of URL provided above.*

River Blue (2017, 95 minutes)

Following international river conservationist Mark Angelo, this film spans the globe to examine the destruction of our rivers by the fashion industry, its effect on humanity, and the solutions that inspire hope for a sustainable future.

- *Trailer on main page of URL provided above. Can re-use link to entire film used to preview for World Water Day screening at no cost, but this version does have a watermark. May be*

purchased from iTunes for \$14.99 at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/movie/riverblue-can-fashion-save-the-planet/id1305517644?mt=6&ign-mpt=uo%3D4>.

Thirsty for Justice: The struggle for the human right to water (2014, 39 minutes)

In the richest nation on earth, and wealthiest state in the nation, how can so many people lack access to safe affordable water for their basic human needs? *Thirsty for Justice* shares powerful stories of those who suffer from this assault on their personal health and human dignity, as well as the inspiring story of the grassroots movement that made the human right to water the law of the land in California.

- *Trailer at URL provided above. Available to view for free at <https://vimeo.com/87513817>.*

Thirsty Land (2016, 90 minutes)

Thirsty Land is a documentary film that tells the story about extreme drought, agriculture, & the water crisis in the Western United States and how these challenges impact farmers, communities, and the environment. The depleted water resources in the American Southwest is one of the most urgent challenges of the 21st century facing agriculture and growing urban communities. The drought on this region has local, national, and global impacts not only for the present, but also for future generations.

- *Trailer at URL provided above. Available to rent from the producers for free at <http://www.thirstylandmovie.com/>.*

UpRiver (2016, 58 minutes)

UpRiver explores one of the nation's most active river conservation movements. Within Oregon's Willamette River system, the film focuses on people from all walks of life who are coming together to revive the health of this large river and the life it supports.

- *Trailer at URL provided above. Contact Jeremy Monroe at jeremy@freshwatersillustrated.org to obtain a copy of the film.*

Water Blues, Green Solutions (2014, 60 minutes)

An interactive documentary project designed to promote awareness of the role that green infrastructure can play in creating a sustainable water future. *Water Blues, Green Solutions* tells stories from across the country of communities that are adopting new ways of thinking about how to protect, restore, and preserve our rivers and sources of drinking water.

- *Click on "View Intro" via URL provided above to watch the trailer. Individual themes (agriculture, drought, green buildings, stormwater management, etc.) are also available for viewing independent of the full-length film; select "Themes" from the dropdown menu at left to view each. Available to rent for \$4.99 at <https://www.reelhouse.org/elwhafilm/return-of-the-river>.*

Water in the Desert: The Grand Valley and its Rivers (2014, 30 minutes)

Throughout the West water is a precious resource. In the Grand Valley, the Colorado and Gunnison Rivers join, nourishing the lives and livelihoods of this western Colorado community. This documentary explores the community's relationship to its water resources through the history of water development, current usage and future challenges as it applies not only locally, but also in a regional context.

- Available at URL provided above.

Watershed: Exploring a New Water Ethic for the New West (2012, 56 minutes)

Watershed tells the story of the threats to the once-mighty Colorado River and offers solutions for the future of the American West. Meet Jeff Ehlert, a fly fishing guide in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado rancher Dan James, Delta restoration worker Edith Santiago, Navajo Council member Glojean Todacheene, Rifle Colorado Mayor Keith Lambert, Los Angeles native Jimmy Lizama and a group of Outward Bound teens rafting down the Colorado River as they all reflect a compelling new water ethic—one that illuminates how letting go of the ways of old can lead to a path of coexisting with enough for all.

- *Trailer on main page of URL provided above. Available to rent from Amazon Prime for \$3.99 at https://www.amazon.com/Watershed-Exploring-Water-Ethic-West/dp/B01ESBO49O/ref=sr_1_16/ref=sr_1_16?encoding=UTF8&keywords=watershed%20movie&qid=1462999244&sr=8-16.*

Working the Water: A brief human history of the South Platte River and its alluvial aquifer (2014, 15 minutes)

This animated short produced by the Colorado Water Institute outlines a brief history of the South Platte River and its alluvial aquifer for viewers unfamiliar with water issues in Colorado.

- *Available via URL provided above.*

Written in Water: Reflections on a Century of Service (2018, 46 minutes)

A new documentary celebrating Denver Water's 100 years of service.

- <https://denverwatertap.org/2018/06/06/written-in-water-coming-to-a-tv-near-you/>
- *Trailer at URL provided above.*

Written On Water (2016, 57 minutes)

Written On Water focuses on the Ogallala Aquifer and examines the conflicts, politics, economics and groundwater depletion in the High Plains region. Against this immense, harsh landscape, innovators in places like Olton, Texas fight to keep their towns alive against the decline of the aquifer. Here and in other communities sharing the Ogallala, the reality of groundwater decline is colliding with the legacy of independence and self-reliance that first turned the High Plains into a fertile dreamscape.

- *Trailer at URL provided above. The Water Center has a copy of the film to borrow.*

Various short films about Colorado Water by Chrisi Bode

Available at <https://vimeo.com/moxiecran>