

Forest Watcher

News from Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch
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The Mission of Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch is to protect, promote and restore healthy forests and watersheds to maintain the quality of life in the Sierra Nevada. EPFW supports responsible forest management and logging practices.

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the January Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch Newsletter.

→ Wild and Scenic Film Festival March 12

The *Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour* sponsored by EPFW comes once again to Murphys with films that can change your world. EPFW members who attended the Nevada City Festival in January rate the films "the best ever."

EPFW's Festival director, Agata Sulczynski says "Many are award-winners, featuring first-rate storytelling, cinematography and inspiration." They ignite solutions and possibilities for restoring the earth while creating a positive future for the next generations.

Festival-goers can expect to see films about nature, community activism, adventure, conservation, water, energy and climate change, wildlife, environmental justice, agriculture, and indigenous cultures.

This year's films once again instill a deep appreciation and sense of wonder for the natural world that surrounds and supports us.

Two of the winning films at the Black Bart:

Eagle Among the Swarms holds audiences spellbound watching up to 20,000 Pacific Dunlin birds flock in unbelievable patterns. A rare experience.

Nico's Challenge tells the real-life story of a 13-year-old boy who climbs Kilimanjaro to raise money for wheelchairs to help people in Tanzania. The entire climb is filmed as Nico, born with only one leg, makes it to the summit with only a crutch for help.

The festival begins at 5:30pm. The Black Bart is located at 580 S. Algiers St. in Murphys. For further descriptions and trailers of these and the other Black Bart films as well as upcoming films, check out <http://www.sierrafilmfest.org>.

→ Valentine's Concert a Success



About 175 people attended EPFW's 9th annual Love the Forest Concert on Feb. 13. Thanks to the attendance and efforts of our members and supporters the event was a big success. Fabulous music by Still Bill, Jen Jarvis and Cantamos wowed the crowd. Donations from our area businesses and merchants made our drawing a huge success. Our many volunteers worked tirelessly before and during the concert to make it a great fun fundraiser. A special thanks to Ron Schaner and his wife Tami Rakstad for all they did to make this event possible.

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