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Jackson org announces World Wildlife Day Film Showcase winners

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"Grasslands - North America's Hidden Wilderness" won the People and Wild Species category of the 2020 World Wildlife Day Showcase. The film is a River Road Films production in association with CBC and Terra Mater Factual Studios.

Locally based organization Jackson Wild coordinated the film showcase competition in partnership with Partnership with United Nations Development Program and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).

Courtesy Jackson Wild

Jackson Wild, the Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, and the United Nations Development Programme announced the winners of the 2020 World Wildlife Day Film Showcase Tuesday during a celebration at UN Headquarters.

The winning films will be showcased during the 2020 Jackson Wild Summit in Austria, as well as during Jackson Wild On Tour events.

The winner of the People and Wildlife Species category was "Grasslands - North America's Hidden Wilderness," a film by River Roads Films, CBC and Terra Mater Factual Studios. The film focuses on the "Serengeti of the North American Continent" — the great plains that lie to the east of the Rockies.

Although the film discusses the great loss of biodiversity and megafauna populations that has occurred since Western settlement, it also features striking wildlife footage of the area's current inhabitants. In the end, viewers will walk away with a greater appreciation for the Rockies' less charismatic neighbor.

A full list of winning films can be found at JacksonWild.org.

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