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JACKSON WILD CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY WITH IN-PERSON SUMMIT

[JACKSON HOLE, WY - MAY 20, 2021] - The Jackson Wild Summit is an extraordinary annual convening where collaboration and innovation thrive and new ideas are launched. Cross-disciplinary conversations on the critical issues facing our planet set the stage for strategic partnerships that happen nowhere else, as industry executives, commissioners, conservationists, and scientists work together to address critical conservation and environmental challenges. Slated for September 27 - October 1, at the Jackson Hole Center for the Arts, the 2021 Jackson Wild Summit will be one of the first in-person events in the industry. The Summit will be live-streamed alongside additional on-demand virtual programming, to make the Summit globally inclusive and accessible.

Summit programming will include keynote conversations with industry thought-leaders and change agents, hands-on workshops, provocative panel conversations, pre-release screening events, and project pitch sessions. On September 30, the Jackson Wild Media Awards, an annual competition with 20+ program and craft categories, will celebrate the world's most innovative and inspiring films and filmmakers. Winners in each category will be announced, including the "Best of Festival" Grand Teton Award.

As the Summit approaches, so does the June 1 deadline for submission entry to the <u>Jackson Wild Media Awards</u> competition. Films must have been completed after June 1st, 2020. Category finalists will be announced on August 1, 2021 and featured throughout the <u>2021 Jackson Wild Summit</u>.

In addition to the Media Awards, Jackson Wild will honor projects, films, and individuals in six different categories: Rising Star, Legacy, Impact Campaign, Grand Prismatic, Global Voices, and New Media. Unlike the Media Awards, these recognize individuals and media in a non-competitive way. The deadline to submit nominations is June 15th.

About Jackson Wild: For almost 30 years, the Jackson Wild Summit has grown a reputation for hosting an extraordinary convening of scientists, conservationists, innovators and media. The Summit fosters an environment where collaboration and innovation thrive, ideas are launched, and strategic partnerships are forged as participants work together to address critical conservation and environmental challenges facing our planet. The 2020 Jackson Wild Summit was hosted virtually, September 28 - October 1, 2020. Screenings with filmmaker Q&A and 30+ Keynote Conversations & Content Sessions will be available on-demand for registrants until October 15. The Jackson Wild Summit will take place in Jackson Hole, Wyoming in 2021, and then in Austria in 2022.

Jackson Wild's international board members include Africa Wildlife Foundation, ARTE France, BBC Studios, Blue Ant Media Love Nature, Borealés, Conservation International, Discovery, Doclights, Gorongosa Restoration Project, HHMI Tangled Bank Studios, Humane Society International, International Fund for Animal Welfare, National Geographic Partners, National Geographic Society, Nature/WNET, Netflix, Off the Fence Productions, PBS, Saint Thomas Productions, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, Seeker, Smithsonian Channel, Sony Electronics, SVT/Swedish Television, The Nature Conservancy, Terra Mater Factual Studios, ORF/Universum, Wanda Films, WGBH, and World Wildlife Fund US.

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