

4th Annual Julian Film Festival, Friday, August 21st & Saturday, August 22nd

The 2015 Julian Film Festival, benefitting and sponsored by the <u>Volcan Mountain Foundation</u> will be held on Friday evening, August 21st, and all day Saturday, August 22nd.

The nature-focused, environmental film festival will support VMF's theme of A Watershed Year. It will focus on water, conservation, connectivity, adventure and the beauty of nature. Two exceptional, award-winning, feature-length films also provide a local connection.

An Emmy-nominated documentary, <u>'Breaking Point'</u> by award-winning documentary producer Bill Wisneski, spotlights a critical water issue and a potential crisis in Southern California with the Salton Sea and the Colorado River Basin. California's largest lake is disappearing and time is running out to make changes before an ecological breaking point is reached. Bill will be with us to lead a discussion and answer questions.

Another highlight of the festival will be the film <u>'OR7-The Journey</u>', by filmmaker Clemens Schenk, that depicts the importance of wildlife corridors in Northern California/Oregon and the plight of grey wolves, and clarifies myths and misconceptions that surround these magnificent animals. The film documents the journey of OR-7, the first wild grey wolf in California since 1926. A journey that tells the story not only of OR-7, but of the wolf as a species in America. It is a journey of survival. A journey of inspiration.

Schenk shared that he lived in Julian about 40 years ago for several years. He's making arrangements with supporters and colleagues from Julian's own <u>California Wolf Center</u> and the <u>Center for Biological Diversity</u> to speak following the film. Everywhere this film's been shown it has sold out, so don't miss your opportunity to view this critically-acclaimed and fascinating documentary!

The Festival films are beautiful, challenging, and entertaining, and they inspire action for the protection and care of vital natural resources like the Volcan Mountain Range. The film festival provides a fun, social opportunity to look at, share, and discuss important environmental issues as a community. It takes on issues that may seem overwhelming, but through spirited engagement gives hope and motivation that together we can (and must) tackle even the biggest issues that face society today.

The Volcan Mountain Range is near the geographic center of San Diego County and serves as a wellspring for our native plants and animals. It provides the headwaters of the San Diego, San Dieguito and San Luis Rey Rivers flowing west, as well as San Felipe Creek flowing east into the Anza Borrego Desert.

Visit <u>www.JulianFilmFestival.com</u> for the complete schedule, tickets and more information.