

Short movies focus on Verde today

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PRESCOTT - The Center for Biological Diversity will host a festival of short movies about the [Verde River](#) today in Prescott.

The free event runs from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Raven Café, 142 N. Cortez St. It features several new documentaries.

"The Upper Verde: Beautiful and Beleaguered" is by local resident Gary Beverly, who documented off-road vehicle damage to the river and its banks during his 30-mile hike up the Upper Verde.

"Drop by Drop" features several local perspectives on efforts to help the river, from the Sierra Club's Tom Slaback, runner Thomas Arnold and farmer Brenda Hauser.

"The Sacred Earth Endurance Run" focuses on Arnold's run from Prescott to the Verde headwaters on Earth Day this year.

"The Water's Edge" features a tour of the river's ecosystem with Joanne Oellers, who heads up the Save the Verde program.

Today's event is part of the center's "Save the Verde" campaign. To learn more, visit www.savetheverde.org.