

# THE RELUCTANT RADICAL

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**THE RELUCTANT RADICAL Will Premiere at the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival and is Selected to Compete for the Best Feature Documentary Award.**

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THE RELUCTANT RADICAL will premiere at the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival in Missoula MT, where it is one of ten films selected to compete for the Best Feature Documentary award.

The screenings are scheduled for:

- Thursday, February 22, 6:15 PM at the MCT Center for the Performing Arts
- Friday, February 23, 1:00 PM at the historic Wilma Theater

Following the screenings, director Lindsey Grayzel, co-producer Deia Schlosberg (Producer, **How to Let Go of the World and Love All the Things Climate Can't Change**) and the subject of the film, Ken Ward will participate in a discussion with the audience.

THE RELUCTANT RADICAL is a climate change film like no other. It is an intimate character portrait of Ken Ward, an intense man who puts everything on the line in his fight to stave off climate change. Using cinema verite storytelling, the film explores the moral question: if a crime is committed in order to prevent a greater crime, is it forgivable? Is it, in fact, necessary? The film reveals both the personal costs and also the fulfillment that comes from following one's moral calling- even if that means breaking the law. Ken Ward has no regrets, and his certainty leaves the audience to consider if he is out of touch with reality, or if it is the rest of society that is delusional for not acting when faced with the unsettling evidence that we are collectively destroying our world. THE RELUCTANT RADICAL follows Ken for a year and a half, culminating with his participation in the coordinated action that shut down all the U.S. tar sands oil pipelines on October 11, 2016 and the ensuing trial that threatens to put him behind bars for twenty years.

Director Lindsey Grayzel and Co-Producer Deia Schlosberg were two of four independent filmmakers to be arrested and charged with crimes for filming the activists on October 11, 2016. Their arrests contributed to the alarm that press freedom and First Amendment rights have increasingly come under attack as law enforcement and prosecutors favor corporate fossil fuel interests over citizens' rights. Lindsey's and Deia's charges have now been dropped, and they have joined forces to tell Ken's story through this film.

***"There are many fronts in the vast climate fight; this film highlights the personal struggles and victories of one daring path."*** -Bill McKibben, Climate Advocate and Founder of 350.org

***"He was told he was crazy, but crazy is sitting idly by as disaster for young people is knowingly locked in."*** -Dr. James Hansen, Climate Scientist

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