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Wildlife Film Festival Underway in Missoula

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The 31st annual International Wildlife Film Festival is off and running in Missoula.

But, not all of the inspiring wildlife images are moving this year, since the city is also hosting an exhibit of some of the most outstanding wildlife still photography in the world.

A coalition of justice, faith, art and science groups are sponsoring the exhibit at the Roxy Theater, which captures a wide variety of species in their native habitats, using photojournalism to draw awareness to the tie between global warming impacts and wildlife.

"This project is called Irreplaceable Wildlife in a Warming World" explains the coalition's Derek Goldman. "And it brings together four communities to educate the public on the impacts of global warming on wildlife and wildlife habitat...the faith community, science, art and justice communities."

The photos were taken from work by a coalition of photographers seen in National Geographic and other publications. While some are familiar from here in the Northern Rockies, Goldman says the exhibit helps people to understand the issues on a global basis.

"Everybody has heard about the plight of the polar bear with the melting ice caps and the bears facing longer swims. But, there's a lot of other flora and fauna that we have on the photo exhibit that people may not have heard of, as being impacted."

The exhibit is located in the lobby of the Roxy Theater, and can be seen during the Wildlife Film Festival this week. It will remain on display in Missoula until June 15th.