



The First Traverse

Screening Toolkit



About The Film

Runtime: 7 minutes

A film by: Chris Shane

Produced by: Chris Shane, Protect Our Winters

Additional Cinematography: Luke Kenab

Featuring: Laura Waterman and athletes: Hilary McCloy, Lily Morgan, Mary Bazanchuk, and Anna Mangum

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Synopsis

In the 1980s, climber, author, and conservationist Laura Waterman and friends completed the first female winter Presidential Traverse, a 19-mile trek across New Hampshire's White Mountains.

Their achievement redefined what women could do in the outdoors and inspired a deeper respect for wild places. The First Traverse brings Laura's words to life through her own narration, paired with the visual portrayal of athlete Hilary McCloy, who embodies Laura's journey across the same frozen ridges decades later. The film explores what drives us into harsh, beautiful places and how our relationship with winter continues to evolve.

Film Resources

Official Trailer: <https://protectourwinters.canto.com/b/V7PQ0>

Full Film: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_XzRnL2csC8

Website: <https://protectourwinters.org/project/the-first-traverse/>

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About The Alliance Member

Professional photographer, filmmaker, and outdoor athlete based in the Northeast. Chris focuses his work on two main areas. The first is telling stories of people and places in the outdoors, particularly around athletes, science, and conservation. Secondly, he works with non-profit organizations helping to solve local and national issues around homelessness, substance abuse, and conservation/climate change, helping to elevate their content and messaging.

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