
A DOCUMENTARY MOVEMENT

Rivers of Life

Pitch Letter

*For commissioners · impact funders ·
co-producers*

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Dear reader,

Rivers of Life is a poetic documentary movement following the rivers the world has granted legal personhood — one river, one caravan, one remembering at a time. Chapter One is finished: a feature documentary on the Magpie River (Muteshekau-Shipu), the first river in Canada recognized as a living legal person. The trailer is live. The format is proven. The next chapters are ready to greenlight.

We do not make nature films about scenery. We make road films about kinship. Each chapter is a pilgrimage: a rotating band of artists, guides, philosophers and friends who set out toward a river the law now calls a person — and return having learned to speak her language. Two-Eyed Seeing guides every frame: Western science in one eye, Indigenous knowing in the other, so that neither is asked to see alone.

■ *“A river is the first proof that many can become one without ceasing to be many.”*

— Series engine

The rights-of-nature movement is rising independently on every inhabited continent — Whanganui, Ganga, Atrato, Magpie, and more. We own the returning format that can travel to each of them: intimate enough for a road film, large enough for a century's defining ecological-legal story. Chapter Two goes to the Wabigoon in Ontario. Chapters Three and Four open the international slate.

Enclosed: one-sheet, series treatment, format bible, next-chapter slate, production overview, why-now market note, and impact brief. The living pitch object is at rivers-of-life.tan-peak.workers.dev. Trailer: youtu.be/kJZ7LcnIufw.

I am seeking partners who understand that the river was never scenery — and that the work of remembering will take more than one film.

With respect,

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