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Caption:

### ***From the Ashes* documentary delves into coal mining at ‘Ding’ airing**

The award-winning documentary film *From the Ashes* continues the sixth annual free “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series on Feb. 7, at 1 p.m. in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium.

The National Geographic film captures Americans in communities across the country as they wrestle with the legacy of the coal industry and what its future should be under the Trump administration. From Appalachia to the West's Powder River Basin, the film goes beyond the rhetoric of the "war on coal" to present compelling and often heartbreaking stories about what's at stake for our economy, health, and climate.

Former U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry called the documentary, a 2017 Tribeca Film Festival selection, “heartbreaking and enlightening at the same time. *From the Ashes* reminds us how much Americans yearn for the dignity of work, and just how much truth must be restored to our political dialogue before that can happen,” he said.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free seven-film, biweekly series with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is free, but limited and on a first-come basis.

Below are the season’s scheduled films. All films begin at 1 p.m. A short discussion will follow each film to allow visitors to gain more from their documentary-viewing experience by listening to other people's points of view and analyzing what they just watched.

For full descriptions of the films, please visit  
[dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series).

Feb. 7 - *From the Ashes*

Feb. 21 - *Chasing Coral*

March 7 – *The Forgotten Coast: Return to Wild Florida*

Mach 21 - *Mission Blue*

April 4 - *STRAWS*

#### ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [dingdarlingsociety.org](http://dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 239-472-1100 ext. 4, or [dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com).

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