

Banff Mountain Film Festival – Thursday, March 5

Deluge

(Canada, 2025, 2 min) Director: Scott Secco Producers: Scott Secco, Chris King

Georgia Astle, Casey Brown, Carson Storch, and Tom van Steenbergen mountain bike through the elements.

Bridgers

(USA, 2025, 12 min) Director: Joseph Fletcher Producers: Second Original, Joseph Fletcher

Two Bozeman-based ski patrollers reflect on the rapid changes facing their home and the sport they love. With 50 seasons under his belt, Dene Brandt regards the future with an optimism that infects his younger co-worker.

Best Day Ever

(USA, 2025, 47 min) Directors: Ben Knight, Berne Broudy Producers: Richmond Mountain Trails, Berne Broudy

Advisory: Coarse language

2025 Best Film: Mountain Sports; 2025 Audience Choice Award

Follows the stories of adaptive mountain bikers Greg Durso and Allie Bianchi as they navigate the relentless challenges of their disabilities with humour and attitude. Along the way, they embrace the tremendous support, friendship, and joy they find in their rural Vermont riding community.

Intermission

Carving Lines

(USA, 2025, 6 min) Director: Dmitry Surnin Producer: Wongi Kim

A visual diary that offers a unique perspective from a local printmaker, Kristin Vantrease (Adrift Prints), on a particular zone in the Kenai Mountains of Alaska.

The Finisher: Jasmin Paris and the Barkley Marathons

(USA, 2025, 47 min) Directors: Julia Marie, Campanelli, Drew Darby Producers: Singletrack LLC, Finn Alexander

Melanson, Robert Fisher

Follows ultrarunner Jasmin Paris as she takes on the notorious Barkley Marathons, attempting to become the first woman to ever complete the race in its 38-year history. Through past failures and relentless perseverance, Paris pushes the limits of endurance and possibility.

Trail to Bayanihan

(Canada, 2025, 22 min) Director: Cat Aeppel Producers: Steelhead Marketing, Martin Faubert-Smith

What began as a quest of Samantha "Sam" Soriano, a professional Filipino-American freeride mountain biker, to reconnect with her Filipino heritage through mountain biking evolves into a deeper exploration of how shared passions can transcend borders and create lasting bonds. Set against the breathtaking landscapes of the Philippines, "Trail to Bayanihan" captures the beauty of both the land and the people. This project is not just about biking; it's about how communities, both local and global, support each other, nurture growth, and ultimately help us find our place in the world.