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Tom Mangelsen presents *Natural World* June 17

While most grumble at the idea of rising before dawn to head off to work, for renowned nature photographer Tom Mangelsen, meeting the sunrise is a lifelong passion that carries him to the farthest corners of the earth in search of bald eagles, polar bears, Bengal tigers, and African lions.

On June 17, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Teton County Library, Mangelsen will share that passion, as well as gorgeous photos from *The Natural World*. This fine art book chronicles his experiences in 10 distinct ecosystems spanning the world's wildest places, including one close to home – the Greater Yellowstone.

Sponsored by the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, Mangelsen's free 45-minute slide presentation will include images from his recent popular display and talks at the National Museum of Wildlife Art. (A brief question-and-answer session will follow.)

"What you see in my pictures is what I care about – the natural world, the animals with whom we share this planet," Mangelsen says. "I am interested in bringing that experience into people's homes, into their personal spaces, to remind them what we have to protect and care about."

A conservationist as well as photographer, Mangelsen serves as a Board Ambassador for the Conservation Alliance and he champions the Alliance's goal of keeping human activities in harmony with Jackson Hole's irreplaceable wildlife, scenic and other natural resources.

"These animals, even the most seemingly insignificant ones, are the barometer of the health of this planet," he says. "It doesn't take long to realize that we are on that same chain, we are all linked in nature."

Mangelsen hopes his images will inspire attendees "to experience and preserve the wonders of our natural world."

Call the Conservation Alliance at (307) 733-9417 for more information.

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