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Re: Screening of the award-winning documentary, *Chasing Ice*,
at Fort Lewis College on November 2nd, 7pm.

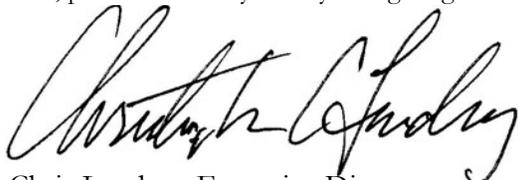
The Center for Snow & Avalanche Studies and Fort Lewis College are teaming up to bring the award-winning film, *Chasing Ice*, to Durango on the evening of November 2nd at 7pm. Robert Redford says, "You've never seen images like this before ... it deserves to be seen and felt on the big screen." According to the Washington Post, *Chasing Ice* is "one of the most beautiful and important films ever made." Tickets to the film are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids and students. The film is rated PG-13 for brief, strong language.

Proceeds will benefit the Center for Snow and Avalanche Studies, a local not-for-profit organization. Special thanks to National Geographic Channels for making the presentation possible.

More about the film:

Chasing Ice is the story of one man's mission to change the tide of history by gathering undeniable evidence of climate change. Using time-lapse cameras, his videos compress years into seconds and capture ancient mountains of ice in motion as they disappear at a breathtaking rate. In the spring of 2005, acclaimed environmental photographer James Balog headed to the Arctic on a tricky assignment for *National Geographic*: to capture images to help tell the story of the Earth's changing climate. Even with a scientific upbringing, Balog had been a skeptic about climate change. But that first trip north opened his eyes to the biggest story in human history and sparked a challenge within him that would put his career and his very well-being at risk. Within months of that first trip to Iceland, the photographer conceived the boldest expedition of his life: The Extreme Ice Survey. With a band of young adventurers in tow, Balog began deploying revolutionary time-lapse cameras across the brutal Arctic to capture a multi-year record of the world's changing glaciers. As the debate polarizes America and the intensity of natural disasters ramps up globally, Balog finds himself at the end of his tether. Battling untested technology in subzero conditions, he comes face to face with his own mortality. It takes years for Balog to see the fruits of his labor. *Chasing Ice* depicts a photographer trying to deliver evidence and hope to our carbon-powered planet.

The **Center for Snow & Avalanche Studies** serves the mountain science community and regional resource managers by hosting & conducting interdisciplinary research and conducting integrative 24/7/365 monitoring that captures weather, snowpack, radiation, soils, plant community and hydrologic signals of regional climate trends.



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