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Artist Colt Maule explains his exhibit

Arteries of the Earth is an educational art exhibit by artist, photographer, explorer, conservationist and educator Colt Maule. The art exhibit will be held at all three galleries of the Gunnison Arts Center, 102 South Main Street, Gunnison, Colorado, June 2-June 30, 2023. The exhibit will feature over 100 photographs and unique pieces of artwork by the Maule, inspired by his personal explorations of the untamed and wild river corridors within the public lands of North America. This art exhibit has been designed to educate and motivate viewers to consider the necessity of river stewardship and conservation of these beautiful and wild places. In addition, a portion of the artist's profits from this exhibit will be donated to American Whitewater to help continue the efforts of river advocacy and protect the wild and wonderful waterways of North America.

“The life source of clean water, untamed rivers and wild places are still an afterthought to many in this industrial, technological and consumer driven society. In the distraction of everyday life, many of us have forgotten that what we now call the wild, we used to call home. To many others and me, the wilds are still home; a place where we can find inspiration from nature, a place where we can find ourselves and a tether to reality. As a human being I feel like most of my life has been spent unintentionally destroying so I can exist in this modern society. Creating art helped nudge my world and my mind towards a better coexistence and understanding. This inspired me to share my story and art with an audience who want to make a difference; with the concern of stewardship and conservation of untamed and wild rivers, the *Arteries of the Earth*. Perhaps through the creation of my art, the *Arteries of the Earth* can have a voice...” -Colt Maule.



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"As we paddle our way down this meandering serpentine of time, we give thanks. Without the forethought of conscious humans who came before us and understood the importance of protecting wild places, we wouldn't be presented with the wonderful opportunity to view these pristine landscapes sculpted by eons of time. We wouldn't be able to enjoy moments of quiet solitude or the ability to seek enlightenment from something unmolested by the hands of man. We are thrilled and eternally grateful that protected wild places exist where one can find themselves and become part of this wonderful natural world we live in."

-Artist & Explorer Colt Maule

