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## Artist Statement

For the past 20 years, using small aircraft I have photographed the American landscape from the aerial perspective. My interest and focus has been on **climate change** and **water**, both of which are closely related. These aerial examinations have resulted in the production of two large bodies of advocative work...the Watershed Investigations series and my touring show and lecture Global Warming: An American Perspective.

I was born and raised in Washington State and bonded at an early age with the natural environment. I fished for salmon in the coastal rivers and marine waters, I hiked and skied in the nearby mountains and hunted for pheasant, ducks and geese. By the time I reached adulthood, the legendary native runs of King Salmon, Coho and Steelhead had crashed.

Appalled, I got involved in local politics and spent a decade leading a citizens group working on land use, water quality, fisheries issues and watershed restoration. Burned out after endless meetings, I quit and switched to aerial photography for my environmental advocacy. And I've been at it ever since.

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