Burning Paradise is about indigenous farmers living in the Sierra Mixteca region of Oaxaca, Mexico, whose sole source of income is the burning of trees into charcoal to sell at market. Like many indigenous peoples in Latin America, they must choose between illegally destroying their own dwindling forest resources in the hopes of being able to stay home, or risk their lives to illegally migrate to the United States.

The film uses the story of carboneros as a window into the links between environmental devastation, campesino marginalization, and out-migration. It’s a visual and visceral offering that transports an audience into another world and in so doing gives us a chance relate to this thing we call poverty.

Followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Greg Rainoff

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