Dirk Collins

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PROFILE

Emmy-nominated filmmaker and expedition leader with thirty years in adventure media. Co-founded **Teton Gravity Research** in 1996 and ran it as President through 2008, producing and directing 25 award-winning films. Founded **OneEyedBird** in 2009 and spent fifteen years directing for Disney, National Geographic, Rolex, Apple, HBO, Red Bull, DJI, Land Rover, and the U.S. Department of Defense: feature documentaries, 100+ episodes of television, and global product launches. Led expeditions on **seven continents and 35+ countries**, including the science team that installed the world's highest weather station on Everest. **Available for contract directing, producing, expedition and aerial production, fully remote pre-production and post, field work anywhere.**

EXPERIENCE

2024 to present

Co-Founder & CEO
Planet 5

- Expedition producer and aerial producer on **Everest: The Other Side** (Disney / National Geographic, directed by Jimmy Chin and Chai Vasarhelyi; Venice world premiere, theatrical and IMAX release October 30, 2026).
- Producer on Jimmy Chin's film with climber Sam Elias for **David Yurman**, Moab, Utah (2025).
- Founded a company that funds mountain preservation through coffee, fine art photography, and expeditions to Nepal, Kenya, Patagonia, and the Alps.

2009 to 2024

President & Founder
OneEyedBird Marketing & Entertainment

- Boutique creative house directing and producing for **Disney, National Geographic, HBO, NBC, Rolex, Apple, DJI, Land Rover, Red Bull, and the U.S. Department of Defense**.
- Aerial producer and aerial DP on **WILD LIFE** (Disney / National Geographic, 2022); aerial DP on **Edge of the Earth** (HBO, 2022); DP and photographer on the National Geographic / Rolex **Perpetual Planet** Everest (2019) and Tupungato (2020 to 2021) expeditions.
- Producer, director, and DP of **Semper Ride**, a 24-part U.S. Marine Corps motorcycle safety series (2011), and of Red Bull / Mike Horn **Pole2Pole Antarctica** (2017).

1996 to 2008

President & Co-Founder
Teton Gravity Research

- Built TGR from a garage startup in Jackson into one of the defining brands in adventure media. Producer and director of **25 award-winning feature films**.
- Executive producer and director of **Untracked** (Fox / Fuel TV, 39 episodes); segment producer and director on NBC's Emmy Award-winning **World of Adventure Sports** (24 episodes).

25 AWARD-WINNING FILMS

100+ TELEVISION EPISODES

7 CONTINENTS FILMED

35+ COUNTRIES

Emmy NOMINATED

FILM

TITLE	YEAR	STUDIO OR CLIENT	ROLE
FEATURE Everest: The Other Side	2026	Disney / National Geographic	Expedition Producer, Aerial Producer
FEATURE WILD LIFE	2022	Disney / National Geographic	Aerial Producer, Aerial DP
FEATURE Perseverance	2017	Independent	Producer, Director, DP
SERIES Semper Ride	2011	U.S. Department of Defense	Producer, Director, DP
FILMS TGR feature films, 25 titles	1996 to 2008	Teton Gravity Research	Producer, Director

TELEVISION, SELECTED FROM 100+ EPISODES

TITLE	YEAR	NETWORK	ROLE	EPISODES
Carpe DM	2023	Roku	Producer, DP	8
Edge of the Earth	2022	HBO	Aerial DP	4
Life at the Extremes: Everest	2019	National Geographic	DP, Photographer	Special
Backcountry Rescue	2016	Outdoor Channel	EP, Director, DP	8
Untracked	2005 to 2008	Fox / Fuel TV	EP, Producer, Director	39
World of Adventure Sports	2003 to 2005	NBC	Segment Producer, Director	24, Emmy-winning

CAMPAIGNS AND LAUNCHES

CLIENT	YEAR	ROLE
David Yurman / Jimmy Chin, Moab	2025	Producer
Nat Geo / Rolex, Perpetual Planet Tupungato	2021	Director, DP
Airbus H145 launch	2021	Director, Photographer
DJI Osmo launch	2019	Director, DP
Nat Geo / Rolex, Perpetual Planet Everest	2019	DP, Photographer
DJI / Jimmy Chin, Greenland	2018	Director
Land Rover / Jimmy Chin	2018	Director
Red Bull / Mike Horn, Pole2Pole	2017	Producer, Director, DP

CLIENTS

Disney · National Geographic · HBO · NBC · Discovery · ESPN · Roku · Apple · Samsung · DJI · Amazon · Toyota · Ford · Land Rover · Lexus · The North Face · Red Bull · Under Armour · Rolex · David Yurman · Squarespace · Airbus · U.S. Marine Corps · U.S. Department of Defense

EXPEDITION LEADERSHIP

EXPEDITION	YEAR	NOTES
Mt. Rainier	2023	USA
Mt. Tupungato, Chile	2020	Nat Geo / Rolex Perpetual Planet
Everest, highest weather station	2019	Led the science team; Nat Geo / Rolex
Unnamed 6,000 m peak, Ghorka Himal	2018	Nepal
Pole2Pole, Southern Ocean	2017	12,000 nautical miles with Mike Horn
Mt. Vinson and Mt. Tyree, Antarctica	1999	
Denali, southwest face variation	1994	New route

FIELD EXPERTISE

Aircraft logistics and high-altitude aerial operations at some of the highest altitudes ever filmed. High-angle film safety protocols now used by crews worldwide. Heli-ski guide, ski patrol, 100+ first descents in Alaska.

CERTIFICATIONS

- SOLS Wilderness First Responder
- AIARE Level II Avalanche
- Aerial DP
- Photographer

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