Frozen Dead^{©:} an independent, Award Winning TV pilot headlines 3rdAnnual Nederland Film Festival this weekend.

From the bizarre story of a frozen Norwegian comes a new story of life, death, and cryonics. Nederland writer, Jim McVey, filmmaker William Garrison, and producer, Teresa Crush-Warren have completed work on a tv pilot called, "Frozen Dead." Frozen Dead is a fictional TV series where Nederland becomes the epicenter of an illegal cryonics industry where people come to be frozen before death.

"Frozen Dead"[™] builds on the dark, comic folklore of Frozen Dead Guy Days festival[™] Teresa Crush-Warren, co-founder of the festival and *Frozen Dead*[®] Producer is excited about this new venture. "Life is stranger than fiction. But in this case fiction takes real life to dark depths. Frozen Dead carries the story to new places where cryonics and mountain culture meet."

The pilot recently won an Award of Recognition from the Indie Fest, one of the top 100 Film Festivals in the world competing with over 30,000 entries.

Local Director, William Garrison writes, "There is a whole cryonics industry selling false hope that death can be somehow reversed. They're freezing people who are already dead. But in our fictional story people come to Nederland to be frozen before necrosis and cellular decomposition takes place. They come to be frozen while they are still alive!"

The script for the TV pilot was written by Jim McVey of Eldora. He is a freelance writer and author of three books including The Wild Upriver and Other Stories, Martha Maxwell: Natural History Pioneer and The Way Home: Essays on the Outside West. Jim's short stories and essays have appeared in literary journals around the world.

The director for Frozen Dead is William Garrison whose public service projects have aired on PBS and major networks. He has produced documentaries on social issues, drug addiction and infant mortality. One of his recent educational projects featured *"The Legend of Nathan,"* a Nederland mountain man who lived outside the modern world.

Teresa Crush-Warren is the Production Manager for the venture. She has a close association with the FDGD[™] festival and a plethora of experience in special events and media coordination. Having lived in the Nederland area for 35 years and managed FDGD[™] for its first seven years, she has had close ties with all the characters through the years who have been involved in making the festival a LEGEND.

The 3rd Annual Nederland Film Festival will be held this Saturday, the 23rd, at the

Backdoor Theater from 10 am to 10 pm. The day is packed with wonderful documentaries, shorts and films up to an hour. For ticket and schedule information, visit <u>http://www.coloradofests.com/</u> An all day FROZEN DEAD BUT SILENT auction is planned throughout the day. Local, Augustina Winery will be serving wine after 5:00pm. Red carpet for stars of Frozen Dead will commence at 8:30 pm. World Premier to follow. Project Nerd, the podcast, will be interviewing the 25 or more filmmakers who will be there throughout the festival.

