POWOW HIGHWAY (USA/GREAT BRITAIN, 1988)

Credits: director, Jonathan Wacks ; writers, James Henry, Jean Stawarz ; novel, David Seals.

Cast: A. Martinez, Gary Farmer, Amanda Wyss, Joanelle Nadine Romero.

Summary: Melodrama set in contemporary Montana and New Mexico and points between. Philbert Bono (Farmer) and Buddy Red Bow (Martinez), two Native Americans from the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Montana, fight the greedy mining companies that want to mine sacred Indian lands. The mining company retaliates with unscrupulous Federal agents by arresting Buddy Red Bow’s sister on a phony drug charge in Santa Fe. Outraged, Philbert and Buddy head for Santa Fe to rescue her. On the road, the two are exposed to life on many different reservations, insensitive and racist whites, and the virtual disappearance of the once beautiful American West. One of the characters they encounter is a Vietnam veteran played by the actor Graham Greene.

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