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Merging Different Perspectives

Capturing intense outdoor moments on camera in Estes Park is one of my passions. Whether I am flying my Yuneec Typhoon H drone or strapping my GoPro Hero 5 Session to my chest, I’m always in pursuit of the best footage. Although both devices are similar in that they have digital cameras, they couldn’t be more different from each other in terms of where they can go and what they can do.

Surveillance is an intriguing pastime. Most people think you mean spying on people, and that can be fun, but where I live, the terrain is steep and rocky and covered with trees. Amazingly, my drone allows me to fly up to 400ft in elevation and flies at approximately 20 mph across any terrain, but it can’t get wet. I must pilot my drone by using a handheld computerized controller. Unlike any other recording device, I can see over fences, on top of roofs, and remotely control the camera angles. Unfortunately, all this capability uses up a lot of power so I can only use my drone for about 15-20 minutes per charge.

Whether I’m rushing down a waterslide or videoing thunderstorms on my front picnic table, the GoPro is super versatile. My GoPro is small enough to either hold or attach to me so that I can go hands free underwater for a close-up first-person perspective. In contrast to the drone that flies in a larger range, because of its super small size, the GoPro is great for taking videos in very small spaces. Unlike the drone, my GoPro can run for 1.5-2 hours which means it won’t quit in the middle of my adventures.

Despite the fact that some situations call for the drone and others for my GoPro, both devices provide ultra-high definition (4K) videos. Similarly, I can edit the videos from both cameras in PowerDirector. In fact, I can splice several videos together from the two different cameras to make one amazing video. In addition, they both use micro SD cards which allows for easy data storage and transfer. Although my drone and my GoPro are very different in where they can go and what they can do, I love capturing the sights and sounds around my house and creating a finished video project for everyone in my family to watch with me.