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Great Falls, Montana

FACE THE STATE

DATE RECORDED: Thursday, July 25, 2002

AIR DATE: Sunday, August 18, 2002

INTERVIEWER: Fred Pfeiffer

GUEST(S) & TITLE(S): Ken Mielke, Meteorologist-In-Charge,
National Weather Service, Great Falls.

SUMMARY/TOPIC (QUESTIONS ASKED):

Mielke is retiring August 2nd after thirty years with the National Weather Service.

The topics included changes he has seen in his tenure with the Weather Service:

The consolidation of seven state offices to four.

Installation of the new Doppler Radar system.

State of the art lighting system that was the second in the nation.

Completion of a modern National Weather Service operation state-wide with all computerized equipment.

The role of the internet in getting information to all who use it.

COMMUNITY NEEDS ADDRESSED:

How the Weather Service has changed to better provide weather services to all Montana residents with its modernization. With the newer computers and technology forecasts are becoming more accurate which benefits everyone from the agriculture sector to those in urban areas.

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DATE RECORDED: Friday, July 19, 2002

AIR DATE: Sunday, July 21, 2002

INTERVIEWER: Fred Pfeiffer

GUEST(S) & TITLE(S): Shelly Milburn, Forest Service Lookout, Porphyry Peak
Melissa Squire, Forest Service, Fuels Suppression Unit

SUMMARY/TOPIC (QUESTIONS ASKED):

Interview conducted inside the Porphyry Peak fire lookout tower.

How many lookout tower facilities are there watching for fires in Montana?

What is a typical day like for a lookout?

How can you volunteer to serve as a lookout?

Is it difficult to monitor fires in a remote area where there is no human contact for weeks?

Has the fire season been typical so far this summer?

COMMUNITY NEEDS ADDRESSED:

Procedures that are in place to protect Montana's forests and citizens in the event of fires.

A first hand look at how important the lookout towers are for fire safety.

Ways that residents may seek employment in the Forest Service Lookout program.

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QUARTERLY LISTING OF PROBLEMS & NEEDS
July 1, 2002 - September 30, 2002
PROGRAMMING IN RESPONSE

PROBLEM OR NEED	TITLE	TYPE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	DATE AIRED	TIME AIRED	LENGTH
Government	Face The State	PA	Jay Kohn talked to Karen Sanford Gail, executive director of the Big Sky State Games. The special guest at this year's opening ceremonies is Shannon Burke, Olympic silver medalist. Figure skating was added as a sport in the games this year. They also talked about volunteers for the games, sponsors, and the athlete assistance program.	7/2/2002	9:00 AM	30 MIN
Government	Face The State	PA	Jay Kohn talked to Dwight Mackay, Montana U.S. Marshal. They talked about services provided by the marshal's service, homeland security concerns and duties, border concerns, and the witness security program.	9/22/2002	9:00 AM	30 MIN