

**Quarterly Issues/Programs List  
MontanaPBS (KUSM-TV Bozeman & KUFM-TV Missoula)**

MontanaPBS is committed to providing coverage of major issues and problems in the communities served. The following list represents a sample (no less than five) of significant issues responded to by MontanaPBS along with the most relevant programming treatment of those issues for the **2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2021** (*April 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021*). This listing is by no means exhaustive, and does not include the Learn at Home schedule which was put in place to respond to the needs of Montana students, parents and teachers because of the Coronavirus. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

**MontanaPBS HD – Digital Multicast Channel – High Definition**

Description of Issue	Program/Segment	Dates	Times	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program Segment
Agriculture Challenges	Montana Ag Live – “Grown and Made in Montana”	4/11 4/18	6pm 11am	56 mins	Montana produces a variety of raw materials and consumer goods. Timber and mining have been a significant part of our economy for a century and a half. Montana's cattle production enjoys the reputation of being among the best in the world, and the grains and cereals we grow in Montana end up on dinner tables in Asia, and in beer in Mexico to name just two examples. But, what happens when consumer demand shifts, or economic and environmental conditions change? How do producers adapt and expand, cultivating new products and accessing new markets? Business Development Specialist, Weston Merrill, from the Agricultural Development Division of the Montana Department of Agriculture helps us understand some of the trials and tribulations of developing new crops, like hemp, for Montana.
	Montana Ag Live – “Emerald Ash Borer”	4/18 4/25	6pm 11am	56 mins	Originally from parts of Asia, the emerald ash borer was first discovered in the Detroit area in 2002, although it had likely already been in the area for a decade. Since then, it has spread through the upper Midwest and Northeastern U.S. and into Canada, as well as into the Southeast U.S. Ash trees are one of the most valuable and abundant woodland trees in North American, and are very popular for landscaping, too. The bright metallic-green beetle is smaller than a dime, but it can kill healthy trees, small ones in a year or two, but no more than four years for mature ash trees. Although it's not been seen in Montana yet, the insect has been found in nearby states and provinces. Laurie Kerzicnik, MSU's insect diagnostic specialist, will help us understand the current status of the Emerald Ash Borer, especially in Montana. Could this insect eliminate the ash from our landscapes? How do you recognize an infestation? What can done to minimize the borer's impact on Montana.

Agricultural Challenges	Montana Ag Live – “Montana State Beekeepers Association”	5/16 5/23	6pm 11am	56 mins.	Montana is one of the top producers of honey. Mark Jensen of the Smoot Honey Company, and a member of the Montana State Beekeepers Association, helps us look at Montana's bee industry. In addition to table use, Montana honey finds its way into many products. If you like Golden Bobcat Beer, thank the Smoot Honey Company. And, bees help produce much more than just honey.
Environment	Greta Thunberg: A Year to Save the Planet	4/22	7pm	3 hours	Travel with the world's best-known climate activist as she takes her fight to a global stage. With unique access, the series follows Greta over an extraordinary year as she embarks on a mission to ensure world leaders work to limit global warming.
Business / Commerce	Business: Made in Montana	4/29 5/2 5/3	7pm 10:30am 2:30am	26 mins.	Huckleberry Haven grew its wild huckleberry jam into a 700 product business; Based in Bigfork, Montana Scene is a family created and owned outdoor apparel brand; Aspen Hot Glass was created by Bill Grout after turning his glass art hobby into his business; Plant Perks uses nuts to make delicious vegan cheese; Spika Design and Manufacturing designs and builds custom industrial elevated walkways.
	Weathering the Storm	5/6 5/9 5/10 6/27	7pm 10:30am 2:30am 10:30am	26 mins.	Weathering the Storm takes us into the lives of fishing guides, anglers, business owners and experts as they navigate both the challenges imposed by COVID-19 restrictions and the rollercoaster of emotions while operating during a pandemic. Fly-fishing plays a key role in Montana's tourism industry. COVID-19 restrictions and shutdowns shuttered the dynamic industry during the spring of 2020. When the state opened up, record numbers of people - both local and out-of-state - flocked to Montana, challenging the organizations that manage our state's beautiful rivers and fisheries. The film follows industry voices such as: Carlye Luft, Director Montana Women's Fly-Fishing School, lifetime angler George Kesel, fly fishing guide Jenny West, and John and Terri Herzer, owners of Blackfoot River Outfitters. Their stories highlight the resiliency and adaptability of the fly-fishing industry in Montana during this unprecedented time.
Health Care	Critical Care: America vs. The World	4/21	9pm	57 mins.	Examine the highs and lows of America's health care system, and travel to four other nations to see how they provide health coverage affordably and thoroughly, even in the face of the pandemic.

Veterans / Women	Rundown with Jackie Coffin “Fighting Her Wars”	5/20 5/24 5/30	7pm 2am 6pm	56 mins.	In this episode of The Rundown, Jackie travels around the state to collect the stories of female veterans and service members. On fishing boats on the Yellowstone River, a group of veterans re-unites 15 years after two tours in Iraq to find healing and joy in fly-fishing. In Billings, a nonagenarian nurse awaits recognition for her service in WWII. This poignant piece will introduce you to the Montana women who have served and are still serving now.
Politics and Government	Rundown: Capitol Report	Weekly thru 5/2  Sundays  Mondays	10am 5pm 11pm  2am 11:30am	28 mins.	Jackie Coffin brings viewers an in-depth look at Montana's 67th Legislative Session with weekly updates, analysis and interviews. From COVID-19 to public lands, education to energy development, Coffin will track issues of importance to Montanans as they move through the legislature and towards the new governor's desk. This series of the Rundown will rely on remote footage and media partnerships to maintain best practices in preventing the spread of COVID-19.
The Arts	Bard in the Backcountry	6/3 6/4 6/6 6/7 6/21	7pm 3am 10am 2am 2pm	56 mins.	From first read through to final performance, this program takes a behind-the-scenes look at a summer of Montana Shakespeare in the Parks and tells the story of Shakespeare in Montana. Meet professional actors, some veterans and some fresh out of school, who have their lives changed by the people and places of Montana.

### MontanaPBS Kids – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

Description of Issue	Program/Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program Segment
Early Childhood Learning	Donkey Hodie	Saturdays  Weekdays Starting 5/1	9am  4pm	29 mins.	This new puppet series for preschoolers from Fred Rogers Productions follows the adventures of Donkey Hodie and her pals as they follow their big dreams and work together to come up with creative solutions to everyday problems. Children learn about perseverance, resilience and problem-solving.

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**MontanaPBS Create – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition**

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Discovery and Environment	My World Too	Tuesdays starting 5/11	4:30am	26 mins.	MY WORLD TOO is a magazine-style series that tackles global issues such as food production, clean energy, and housing, among other topics. Throughout the country, people are harvesting a bounty of ideas to help care for the only home we have: planet Earth. This series shares these inspirational stories of environmental stewardship, organic practices, and Earth-friendly innovations that viewers can learn from and apply in their own lives.

**MontanaPBS World – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition**

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Native Americans / Sexual Assault	America ReFramed: Sisters Rising	4/20	6pm	57 mins.	Native American women are 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual assault than all other American women. <i>Sisters Rising</i> follows six women who refuse to let this pattern of violence continue in the shadows: a tribal cop in the midst of the North Dakota oil boom, an attorney fighting to overturn restrictions on tribal sovereignty, an Indigenous women’s self-defense instructor, grassroots advocates working to influence legislative change, and the author of the first anti-sex trafficking code to be introduced to a reservation’s tribal court. Their stories shine an unflinching light on righting injustice on both an individual and systemic level.
		4/20	10pm		
		4/21	6am		
		4/24	5pm		
		4/25	12am		
		4/25	7am		
		4/25	3pm		

**MontanaPBS Capitol Coverage – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition**

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Politics	MPAN (Legislative Channel)	2nd qtr 2021	24/7	24/7	Repeat airings of gavel to gavel coverage of the 67 <sup>th</sup> Montana Legislature as well as live coverage of interim legislative committee hearings.