

**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 **1st quarter of 2021 (January 1, 2021 – March 31, 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 – “Montana Weed Control Association”	3/21 3/28	6pm 11am	56 mins	Currently, Montana has well over 7 million acres infested with state-listed noxious weeds, and there’s several new and potentially devastating invaders encroaching our borders. Certainly, noxious weeds compete with production ag crops, but that’s just the beginning. Noxious weeds can live on land and in water; they can be vines, woody shrubs or trees. No matter their size or growing habitat, noxious weeds can increase soil erosion, adversely affecting water quality, and all fish, birds and wildlife. Noxious weeds can be a nuisance, but they can also poison pets and livestock, impede growth of all kinds of desirable plants, as well as decreasing property values and agriculture profits, and they have a detrimental effect on land and stream access. Weed seeds are transported by wind and water, but also by unwitting humans, their vehicles and pets, and by transporting contaminated animal feed and manure. Becky Kington, Executive Director of the Montana Weed Control Association joins the panel to take a look at the Association’s role in helping to control Montana's ever increasing noxious weed issues.
	Montana Ag Live – “Montana Nursery & Landscape Association”	3/28 4/11	6pm 11am	56 mins	Whether it's a shelter belt, a truck garden, some planting beds and a lawn, or just a little patch of peaceful green, even basic questions about horticulture and landscape planning are sometimes a challenge. Steve Lehenbauer, First Vice-President of the Montana Nursery & Landscape Association, is the guest on this week's show. Some of the questions to be addressed: What are the recommended best practices for selecting the best trees and shrubs for your property? Is it OK to order plants and seeds on-line? What should you consider in a new or redesigned landscape plan? Sprinklers, fencing, pest control, safety and security, making sustainable and eco-friendly choices are also discussed, in addition to this thriving industry and the ever-increasing job opportunities it's providing for Montanans.

Agriculture Challenges	Ghost Forests	2/18 2/21 2/22	7pm 10:30am 2:30am	26 mins	Head into the high country of the Rocky Mountains of Montana and Canada to examine the imperiled whitebark pine. A native pest and an exotic disease are rapidly turning these vital trees into ghost forests. Land managers face an uphill battle to restore the species.
	Independent Lens “My Country, No More”	3/15 3/17	9pm 1am	56 mins.	Explore the rise and fall of the recent North Dakota oil boom through the intimate lens of one family fighting to preserve their agricultural way of life, which puts them at odds with relatives and neighbors determined to sell.
Business / Commerce	Business: Made in Montana	1/21 1/24 1/25	7pm 10:30am 2:30am	26 mins.	Bozeman Green Build is a provider of custom solar Photovoltaic systems to fit all site conditions and energy needs. A family-owned business, they have experience with agriculture producers, small businesses, local and state governments, and families across the West. Bozeman Green Build believes in the economic viability of solar PV, and in bringing energy savings to their customers. Happy Dog Beer, produced in Bozeman, is beer made especially for dogs. DAYSPA Basics, based in Missoula, handcrafts 100% natural bath and body products that are allergy and chemical free, made in the U.S.A. with farm to skin ingredients. Mustard Seed Sauce and Dressing Company located in Florence. For over 35 years, customers of the Mustard Seed and Noodle Express Restaurants have enjoyed the unique and fresh Asian-inspired flavors of their sauces and dressings. Notice Custom Snowboards, designed and handcrafted in their Whitefish shop, are produced using only U.S.A. sourced materials. All boards are made to order: they can tweak any of their shop designs, or you can design your very own custom style.
Environment	Extinction: The Facts	3/31 4/2	7pm 1pm	57 mins.	With 1 million species at threat, David Attenborough explores extinction and how this crisis has consequences for us all, even putting us at greater risk of pandemic diseases.

Equal Rights	Independent Lens “9to5: The Story of a Movement”	2/1 2/3	9pm 1am	86 mins.	Go inside the inspiring movement for women's workplace equality in the 1970s. Started by a group of Boston secretaries, the 9to5 cause used humor to attract press attention and shame bosses into giving better pay and ending sexual harassment.
Politics and Government	Montana PBS Coverage “State of the State Address”	1/28	7pm	2 hours	MontanaPBS provided coverage of the 2021 State of the State Governor’s Address. This is the first State of the State address from Governor Greg Gianforte, presented to a joint session of the Montana Legislature. The live coverage, hosted by MontanaPBS’ John Twiggs, included a response from the Montana Democratic Party and political analysis.
Politics and Government	Rundown: Capitol Report	Weekly starting 1/3 Sundays Monday	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.
Indigenous Peoples	Saving the Sacred	2/18	12:30pm	26 mins.	The Koi and Habemetol Pomo have called the majestic Clear Lake basin home for 14,000 years. However, rapid urbanization and the looting of artifacts for sale on illegal markets has threatened to erase their long history and rich culture from this unique landscape. In an effort to protect these sacred sites, the tribes unite with their local governments and communities to preserve their priceless culture and past. They honor their ancestors by fighting to preserve what has been left behind. So much has already been taken from this country's native people. We cannot let looters take what little remains. The Pomo are descended from some of the earliest inhabitants of North America. Preserving their past is preserving our future.

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	Xavier Riddle and the Secret Museum	2/1	7pm	29 mins.	Inspired by the best-selling kids book series, Ordinary People Change the World, by New York Times bestselling author Brad Meltzer and illustrator Christopher Eliopoulos, XAVIER RIDDLE AND THE SECRET MUSEUM follows the adventures of Xavier, Yadina and Brad as they tackle everyday problems by doing something extraordinary: traveling
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MontanaPBS Create – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Discovery and Environment	Garden Smart	Sundays starting 3/14	9:30am	26 mins.	"Garden Smart" is a "hands in the dirt" program that provides its' viewers with practical, timely gardening advice. Produced in association with The National Gardening Association, a non profit organization whose purpose is to educate and promote gardening to young and old alike, "Garden Smart" each week provides valuable gardening tips, the latest trends "on the verge" and design advice, all with the purpose of making gardening fun and interesting. "Garden Smart" is filmed each week at beautiful resorts and gardens in every region of the country. These locations provide not only a stunning backdrop but additionally provide a sort of mini vacation for the viewer. The visiting resident horticulturist and the host provide practical advice useful to a country-wide audience. Gardeners are always looking for new ideas and new plants - "Garden Smart" is unique in that it's a gardeners show and presents new information each week that lets gardeners know what other gardeners are growing and how. Frequently addressed topics include landscape design, household and garden pests and kids gardening. The goal each week is to take the mystery out of gardening, make it fun, present new ideas and let the audience "Garden Smart." Viewers are encouraged to contact the shows' experts and ask gardening questions via email and toll free phone lines, when a trend is noticed that topic is then addressed on the show.

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MontanaPBS World – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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COVID-19	Local, USA “Pandemic19”	2/1 2/2 2/2 2/5 2/5	7pm 12am 8am 3am 9am	26 mins.	On January 20th, 2020, the first COVID-19 case was diagnosed in the U.S. With intimate video diaries, follow three brave doctors working to save lives during the first wave, encapsulating the historic times in which we live.

MontanaPBS Capitol Coverage – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Politics	MPAN (Legislative Channel)	1st qtr 2021	24/7	24/7	Repeat airings of gavel to gavel coverage of the 67 th Montana Legislature as well as live coverage of interim legislative committee hearings.