

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 of significant issues responded to by MontanaPBS along with the most relevant programming treatment of those issues for the **1st quarter of 2024 (January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024)**. This listing is by no means the entire response, and does not include the Learn at Home block programs on weekdays which were put in place to respond to the needs of Montana students, parents and teachers during the Coronavirus, and have remained there for educational purposes. Additionally, this quarter saw the continuation of *Indian Country Today News with Aliyah Chavez* and a second season of *Montana PBS Reports: IMPACT*, which features news and public affairs reporting on issues which affect all Montanans.

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
Agricultural Challenges	Montana Ag Live – “The Fertilizer Show”	3/17 3/24	6pm 11am	56 mins	Keeping soil healthy and fertile is a first step to sustainably growing crops. Clain Jones, Montana State University's soil fertility guru goes back to basics, discussing why we use fertilizer, how to choose among the types of fertilizers commonly available, and when and how to apply them.
	Montana Ag Live – “Today’s Sheep in Montana”	3/24	6pm	56 mins	Over 100 years ago Montana was known as the sheep capital of the United States, and the sheep industry is still a vital component in the State's economy. This week, Brent Roeder, MSU Extension Sheep and Wool Specialist, joins the panel to help us learn more about this industry.
Health Issues	Independent Lens “Greener Pastures”	3/25 3/27	9pm 1am	2 hrs	Follow the people dealing with economic uncertainty and the healthcare crisis in rural America. Learn about the mental health and isolation of Midwestern farmers and the Appalachian communities left with limited or no access to healthcare.
	Invisible Shield #101	3/26 3/29	9pm 3am	56 mins	Discover how public health has doubled life expectancy, but the system is now in jeopardy. When the world has to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic, the public health sector revisits the past to create solutions.
	Blue Death	3/28 3/31	7pm 10am	56 mins	The 1918 influenza killed more Americans than WWI and II combined. Six stories explore the pandemic in Montana. Men and women, young and old, of diverse cultures and races, how did they survive? What can these stories reveal about loss and courage, community and resilience?

Environment	Montana PBS Reports: IMPACT “Delisting the Grizzly/ Water Rights Process”	1/11 1/12 1/13 1/14 1/15	7pm 12:30pm 4:30pm 10am 2am	26 mins	This program explores the debate over removing grizzly bears from the endangered species list. Plus, explore the process of documenting water rights in Montana and the challenges everyone faces.
	Montana PBS Reports: IMPACT “Climate Crossroads”	2/8 2/9 2/10 2/122 2/12	7pm 12:30pm 4:30pm 10am 2am	26 mins	NorthWestern Energy has a new plan to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. To do it, the utility will mostly rely on its current fleet of coal, gas and hydropower assets, along with purchasing carbon offsets. Critics say they want to see NorthWestern phasing out fossil fuels sooner and building more green generation instead. We'll explore what's in the plan and how it fits into the growing debate on climate action, as well as the likely practical effects like customers' future monthly bills.
Local Government-Politics	Citizen’s Guide to Preserving Democracy	1/2	9pm	56 mins.	A Citizen's Guide to Preserving Democracy is based on Dr. Richard Haass' best-selling book "The Bill of Obligations: The Ten Habits of Good Citizens." Through interviews and real-life examples, Hari Sreenivasan and Dr. Haass explore how Americans are working towards strengthening democracy and renewing the spirit of a more informed and engaged citizenry.
	Montana PBS Reports: IMPACT “Guns on Public Transit?”	1/25 1/26 1/27 1/28 1/29	7pm 12:30pm 4:30pm 10am 2am	26 mins.	Montana PBS Reports: IMPACT continues its second season examining Missoula's bus system recently changed its policy to allow passengers to carry guns after a gun association threatened a lawsuit. Will other cities follow suit? We'll take a deeper look at the balance between local government policies and the Second Amendment.
	Frontline #4209 “Democracy on Trial”	1/30	8pm	2.5 hours	The roots of the criminal cases against former President Trump stemming from his 2020 election loss. Amid the presidential race, examining the House Jan. 6 committee's evidence, the threat to democracy and the historic charges against Trump.

Native American Culture	Return: Native American Women Reclaim Foodways for Health & Spirit	3/29	12:30pm	26 mins	This film looks at empowering people to overcome their current circumstances through eating as their ancestors did -nutritiously and locally. The film explores the food sovereignty movement occurring across the country through the stories of women championing the return to traditional food sources.
	Badger Creek	3/15	12:30pm	26 mins	Badger Creek is a portrait of Native resilience as seen through a year in the life of three generations of a Blackfeet family living on the rez in Montana. The Mombergs are a loving, sober family who run a successful ranch, live a traditional worldview and are re-learning their language..
	Business: Made in Montana “Indigenous Business”	2/2	12:30pm	26 mins	Five unique Native American Montana-made businesses. These business owners find ways to channel culture and heritage into trades that sustain themselves, their tribes, and their families.
	American Buffalo #101	1/8 1/11	3am 12pm	2 hrs	The dramatic two-part story of how America's national mammal, which sustained the lives of Native people, was driven to the brink of extinction. Ken Burns recounts the tragic collision of two opposing views of the natural world.
	American Buffalo #102	1/15 1/18	3am 12pm	2 hrs	
Economy	Montana PBS Reports: IMPACT #203 “Property Tax Increase / Passenger Rail Service”	1/25 1/28 1/29	7:30pm 10:30am 2:30am	26 mins	The Montana Department of Revenue's biannual reappraisals showed that residential home values across Montana rose on average by a whopping 46%. What does this steep appreciation mean for residential property taxes? We'll talk with residents, local governments, and the State ahead of the distribution of tax bills. This program also explores the growing movement to bring passenger rail service back to the southern half of Montana. While the Federal Railroad Administration undergoes a massive study of the Amtrak long-distance network, a homegrown Montana coalition is pushing for restored service along the old North Coast Hiawatha line - the Amtrak route that once connected Seattle to Chicago with nine stops in Montana including Missoula, Bozeman, Billings, Miles City, and Glendive. We'll explore what it might take, how much it might cost, and what expanded connectivity would mean for communities along the route.
Education	POV #3615 “Brief Tender Light”	1/15 1/17	9pm 1am		A Ghanaian MIT alum follows four African students at his alma mater as they strive to become agents of change for their home countries Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe. Over an intimate, nearly decade-long journey, all must decide how much of America to absorb, how much of Africa to hold on to, and how to reconcile teenage ideals with the truths they discover about the world and themselves.

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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 New season	Weekdays starting 1/15	9pm 5am	26 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 back in time to learn from real-life inspirational figures like Michelangelo, Bessie Colman, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Hedy Lamarr when they were kids. Each adventure will help young viewers make the connection between the skills that made these historical figures heroes and those same qualities within themselves, helping them discover that they, too, can change the world.

MontanaPBS Create – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Farm to Table	Welcome to My Farm Season 2	Tuesdays Starts: 1/9	7am 10am 2pm	26 mins.	Join host Lisa Steele, New England's very own backyard chicken keeper and Master Gardener, as she welcomes viewers to her farm in the woods of Maine, where she and her husband live with a mixed flock of chickens, ducks and geese, a corgi and a barn cat. In WELCOME TO MY FARM, Lisa shares a glimpse into her country lifestyle - cooking and DIYing her way from the coop and garden to the kitchen.

MontanaPBS World – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Economic Inequality	America's Dairyland at the Crossroads	1/30	11am	56 mins.	There is no more quintessential image of Wisconsin than a red barn with a herd of cows grazing in a green field against a blue sky. The state's dairy history is an essential part of the state's culture and economy. All of it is at risk. A confluence of factors are causing many small, family-owned dairy farms to quit, including low milk prices, changing consumer tastes, labor issues and now a pandemic. The industry has been the state's economic engine, generating more than \$45 billion a year. But many farmers are at a crossroads of either making big changes or calling it quits. Milwaukee PBS has partnered with the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel to produce "America's Dairyland at the Crossroads," an hour-long documentary that takes a deeper look at the continuing crisis and the future for farmers, businesses and communities who rely on the dairy industry to survive.

MontanaPBS Capitol Coverage – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Politics/Government	MPAN (Legislative Channel)	1 st qtr 2024	24/7	24/7	Repeat airings of gavel to gavel coverage of the 70 th Montana Legislature as well as live coverage of interim legislative committee hearings.