

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 **2nd quarter of 2023 (April 1, 2023 – June 30, 2023)**. This listing is by no means the entire response, and does not include the Learn at Home block on weekdays 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 Department of Ag”	4/2 4/16	6pm 11am	56 mins	Christy Clark, Director of the Montana Department of Ag, discusses their role in helping develop new commodities, and their subsequent economic utilization. Through their efforts, Montana has developed one of the most diverse agricultural economies in the mountain west.
	Montana Ag Live – “Today’s Cattle Operations”	4/23 4/30	6pm 11am	56 mins	Traditional cattle operations are evolving to meet new market demands and economic realities. The integration of cattle and traditional farming operations is an exciting new component of Montana's diverse agricultural base, and in Montana, different landscapes and climates require different management techniques. This live episode looks at the variety of information, resources, and the research programs currently underway at the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station and the Research Centers: genetics and breeding lines, integrated pest management, soil fertility, and how the latest technology is becoming integrated into modern agriculture production.
	Montana Ag Live “Invasive Species Update: Flora & Fauna”	5/7 5/14	6pm 11am	56 mins	Non-native plants & animals arrive through a variety of mechanisms. New invasive species present new challenges. Jane Mangold, invasive species specialist at Montana State University, joins us to see what Montana's next pest challenge might be, and how we're managing our current invasive species.
	Farmers for America	4/9	11am	59 mins.	Farmers for America celebrates farmers nationwide- sharing both the challenges and joys of growing food. Mike Rowe narrates the documentary which traces the changes coming to America's agri-culture as more people choose farmers' markets, embrace farm-to-table restaurants and dedicate their lives to building local, regional food supply systems.

Health Issues	Montana PBS Reports: Impact #110 “Fentanyl Crisis”	4/13 4/14 4/15 4/16 4/17	7pm 1pm 4:30pm 10am 2am	26 mins	Montana PBS is committed to strong News/Public Affairs reporting for our viewers with a new series – MontanaPBS Reports: Impact. In the latest episode, Montanans are dying almost every day from fentanyl poisoning. Over the past year, law enforcement officers seized triple the amount of fentanyl than a year earlier. Meet a family grieving their loss and see the efforts underway to combat drug deaths across our state.
	Independent Lens #2415 “Silent Beauty”	5/15 5/17	9pm 1am	90 mins.	One woman's road to heal from childhood sexual abuse evolves into the story of a family's journey through generational trauma, of discovery, loss, and bonding-at once agonizing and beautiful.
	Below the Belt: The Last Health Taboo	6/21	9pm	56 mins	Through the lens of endometriosis, examine the widespread problems in our healthcare systems that disproportionately affect women. This film reveals how millions are silenced and how, by fighting back, they can improve healthcare for all women.
Local Government- Politics	Montana PBS Reports: Impact #113 “House Bill 99”	5/25 5/26 5/27 5/28 5/29	7pm 1pm 4:30pm 10am 2am	26 mins	Montana has joined a growing list of states that have passed laws limiting gender affirming care for minors. We'll talk with legislators who supported the bill, plus we'll hear from those most impacted by SB99, and those who say a legal fight against the bill is imminent.
Violence against Ethnic Groups	Rising Against Asian Hate: One Day in March	5/2	9pm	56 mins	Explore the fight against Asian American hate following the March 2021 mass shootings at three spas in Atlanta. Examine how this critical moment of racial reckoning sheds light on the struggles, triumphs and achievements of AAPI communities.

Native American Culture	Art of Home: A Wind River Story	5/29 6/1	3am 12pm	56 mins	From modern art to beading and leather work to drumming, and music, this program follows Native American artists with a connection to the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming through their creative process. These artists explain how their art connects them to their tribal past, present, and future.
	Fish Between the Falls	6/16	12pm	56 mins	Ten thousand years ago Kootenai people painted pictures of white sturgeon on the rocks above the lake where they lived. These impressive fish, the largest and one of the oldest in North America, were an important part of the tribe's diet and the inspiration for their elegant sturgeon-nosed canoes. Now, dikes and dams have changed the river system so much that sturgeon no longer successfully reproduce. But the people whose culture is bound up with these fish and the people who control the river today are working together to restore the Kootenai River White Sturgeon to their ancestral home.
Environment	Changing Planet #201	4/19	7pm	2 hrs.	Conservation scientist Dr. M. Sanjayan explores efforts to confront climate change in Australia, Brazil, California and Kenya. Knowledge from Indigenous communities and the latest science combine to create innovative and inspiring solutions.
Economy	Homegrown & Handcrafted	4/6 4/9 4/10	7pm 10am 2am	26 mins	HOME GROWN AND HANDCRAFTED explores five Montana businesses with products that exemplify craftsmanship and dedication. Some employ methods that have been passed down through generations, others take a more innovative approach, but all rely on their hands to create. These businesses, like many throughout Montana, contribute to the economic and cultural vibrancy of their local communities, but their products also serve the state and region more broadly. Some are family-run businesses, and some are pillars of their small rural towns. And one thing is certain, the people behind the products have unique stories to tell about juggling passion and practicality in the pursuit of their craft.
	Montana PBS Reports: Impact #111 "Sidney Sugars Plant"	4/27 4/28 4/29 4/30 5/1	7pm 1pm 4:30pm 10am 2am	26 mins.	In this episode, Sidney Sugars parent company recently announced their sugar beet processing plant will close. For nearly a century, it has been a cornerstone of the local economy and community, supporting generations of family farms and plant workers. With the plant scheduled to shutter in April, Montana PBS heads to Richland County to learn about the impact on workers, growers, and the community.
	Montana PBS Reports: Impact #112 "Nuclear Power in Montana"	5/11 5/12 5/13 5/14 5/15	7pm 1pm 4:30pm 10am 2am	26 mins.	This episode examines the potential for a new generation of nuclear reactors to replace coal-fired power at Colstrip. Lawmakers recently repealed a 45-year-old citizen initiative that regulated nuclear and now Northwestern Energy is exploring the nuclear option. Can the reality of these emerging technologies live up to the hype? Would Montana ratepayers be saddled with the costs? And where would the inevitable nuclear waste go?

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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	Alma's Way: Alma Goes to Puerto Rico	6/5	2:30pm	56 mins.	Ever wish you could pause life long enough to figure out the answers to all your problems? Alma can! Follow her adventures in Alma's Way, as she learns to think for herself-making mistakes and decisions and finding solutions along the way! In this special episode Alma and her family travel to Puerto Rico to visit Papi's family! While there, Alma, must find the owner of a beautiful Bomba skirt. And Alma wants to find the perfect gift for her great-grandmother's 100th birthday.
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		6/9	2:30pm		
		6/9	10:30pm		
		6/14	2:30pm		
		6/14	10:30pm		
		6/17	8am		

MontanaPBS Create – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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International cultures	People of the North	Starts 4/7: Fridays Saturday Sundays	7:30pm 8:30am 10:30am 7:30pm	26 mins.	PEOPLE OF THE NORTH is a new series that visits Scandinavia with a team of hosts who venture to far-away places in northern Norway and the Faro Islands, meeting people who make a living from gathering, catching, and processing produce from both land and sea. Various episodes take viewers through Sami territories to meet the indigenous people of the north and out along the Norwegian coast to the fishing villages of Kjollefjord, Soeroya, and to beautiful Lofoten.

MontanaPBS World – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

Description of Issue	Program/Segment	Date	Time	Duration	Narration of Type and Description of Program Segment
African American Culture and Discrimination	Buffalo Soldiers: Fighting on Two Fronts	6/19	6pm	56 mins.	Established by Congress, the 14th Amendment promised citizenship in exchange for enlistment, prompting many African American men. They were denied due to Jim Crow laws but still served. The film examines the profound and often-contradictory roles played by Buffalo Soldiers in U.S. history, and how they fought on two sets of front lines: military conflicts abroad and civil rights struggles at home.
		6/19	11pm		
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		6/25	3am		
		6/25	6pm		
		6/28	3am		
		6/28	9pm		

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MontanaPBS Capitol Coverage – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Politics/Government	MPAN (Legislative Channel)	2nd qtr 2023	24/7	24/7	Repeat airings of gavel to gavel coverage of the 69 th Montana Legislature as well as live coverage of interim legislative committee hearings.