

**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 **3rd quarter of 2023 (July 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023)**. 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 debut of a new weekly program, *Indian Country Today Newscast with Aliyah Chavez*, which features headline news, and interviews with elected tribal officials, Indigenous newsmakers, social media influencers, and features from staff and freelance journalists.

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 – “Montana’s Wild Trout”	9/10 9/17	6pm 11am	56 mins	Wild trout populations have been decreasing in some Montana drainages. Clayton Elliott and Ryen Neudecker, both with Trout Unlimited, discuss how production ag works with conservation organizations to help insure the health of Montana's coldwater fisheries.
	Montana Ag Live – “Sustainability and Carbon Capture”	9/17 9/24	6pm 11am	56 mins	Carbon Capture and Sequestration, and Carbon Credits are terms we hear with increasing frequency. What do they mean, and how are these ideas implemented in ag production? How does this fit into climate change? Chris Mehus, the Program Director for the Western Sustainability Exchange Program, joins the panel this week to help us understand more. One significant contributing factor in climate change is the increase of carbon dioxide gas in the atmosphere. One way to reduce atmospheric CO2 is to retain carbon in solid form as part of the soil biomass, preventing it from becoming part of greenhouse gas emissions. In agriculture terms, this might mean changing soil & water management, and adopting new production methods like altering field and pasture size or changing rotation patterns for crops and livestock.
	Montana Ag Live “Sustainability and Wind Erosion”	9/24	6pm	56 mins	Montana isn't experiencing dustbowl conditions just yet, but soil erosion has once again become a threat to sustainable crop production and conservation. With reduced cropland residue levels, and the evolution of larger fields across great expanses, along with documented increased wind speeds in the state, the wind erosion of our soil needs to be addressed. Susan Tallman, State Agronomist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S.D.A., discusses new research and technology, along with reviving some old ideas, in irrigation, tillage, cover crops, area usage, and more that can be adopted, adapted, and implemented in most all areas of production agriculture.

	Montana PBS Reports: Impact #201 "Fish Decline/Grasslands Conservation"	9/14 9/15 9/16 9/17 9/18	7pm 12:30pm 4:30pm 10am 2am	26 mins	MONTANA PBS REPORTS: IMPACT explores how trout numbers in three southwest Montana rivers are at or near historic lows and why scientists don't know exactly what's causing the trend. As Fish Wildlife & Parks ramps up its effort to find the problem, local groups are also stepping in to help. Also, in central Montana learn about efforts to help ranchers improve the health of grassland ecosystems. Programs developed in the last few years are centering the role of privately owned, working lands in conservation. And a group in the Winnett area has found that focusing on the health of the open range has translated to benefits in the health of their community.
	108 Max Lane	9/14 9/17 9/18 9/22	7:30pm 10:30am 2:30am 12:30pm	26 mins	The value of land in Montana is generally increasing. The cost of taxes, utilities, and maintenance are also going up. This includes residential and commercial property, but it also includes agricultural real estate. That can make it tough for smaller ag producers like Max Robison, a fourth-generation rancher and the second in his family to ranch in the Madison River Valley. He will likely be the last of his family to do so. From dawn to late night, through hard work, disappointments, during all seasons and weather, 108 MAX LANE is a glimpse into Max's daily life and philosophic approach, as well as being a portrait of the challenges and rewards of ranching and the rural life in isolated Montana places.
Health Issues	Facing Suicide	9/1 9/6 9/6	8pm 2:30am 12Noon	90 mins	Explores the powerful stories of those impacted by suicide- one of America's most urgent health crises-and journey to the front lines of research with scientists whose work is leading to better prevention and treatment.
	Kids vs Screens	7/13 7/14 7/16	3am 1pm 3pm	56 mins	Kids are hooked on screens, but is screen use an addiction and how does it affect their brains? Dan Riskin, a biologist, science journalist and author, explores the latest research to discover how smartphones and other screens can affect children's development, learning abilities and mental health.
Environment	Back from the Brink: Montana's Wildlife Legacy	9/8 (pt1) 9/15 (pt2)	1pm 1pm	56 mins. 56 mins.	This is a two-part documentary about exploitation and depletion, need and greed and ultimately a story of restoration, renewal and rebirth of Montana's rich wildlife resource. Part One chronicles the depletion of Montana's wildlife during the 1800s and also features the beginning of Montana's conservation movement during the first half of the 20th century. Developments include the establishment of game farms for planting birds, the advent of scientific wildlife management and the landmark federal Pittman-Robertson (P-R) Act. Part 2 documents how Montana citizens, state and federal agencies and universities worked together to take action in restoring the state's once abundant big game and furbearer populations. It concludes with discussions of how citizens must work together to be ever vigilant to threats against wildlife and its habitat, so never again will Montana's wildlife have to be brought "Back from the Brink."

Local Government-Politics	Power Brokers	9/22 9/29	1pm 3am	58 mins.	It's arguably one of Montana's most tragic stories. It led to the demise of Montana Power, the state's only Fortune 500 Company, and it pushed power prices into the stratosphere. While most know how the experiment in Electricity Deregulation ended, few know how it all began. In this hour-long documentary, Montana PBS investigates the sources of the deregulation movement and the subsequent power crisis. The documentary uncovers surprising relationships and business connections that would eventually cast a shadow over former Governor Marc Racicot and draw Montana Power into a federal investigation.
Native American Culture	Rising Voices #101 "Mario Miner, Jr." Before There Were Parks	8/31 9/3 9/4 9/1	7:30pm 10:30am 2:30am 1pm	26 mins 26 mins	Lakota/Assiniboine Mario Miner, Jr. developed a love for blues while working long, hot days on the Fort Belknap reservation. With his home-built arsenal of gear, Mario gives memorable performances across the state of Montana, leaving audience members with something remarkable to remember and discuss. Mario takes inspiration from the blues music he grew up listening to and gives it a "kick in the butt" with his punk and Native influences. For more than 12,000 years, the intermountain West's native peoples have called the lands known as Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks "home." This program explores modern indigenous perspectives on these great wilderness areas and explores both the cultural divide that separates modern times from the not-so-distant past and recent efforts by the National Park Service and native peoples to bring these disparate visions into greater harmony.
Economy	Montana PBS Reports: IMPACT #202 "Tourist Town Infrastructure"	9/28 9/29 9/30	7pm 12:30pm 4:30pm	26 mins	Montana PBS Reports: Impact takes a deeper look at the cascading economic effects of overwhelmed wastewater systems. Montana's tourism sector, mainly fueled by Yellowstone's gateway towns, has become a key economic driver in recent years. But, the millions of Yellowstone visitors pass through towns sometimes as small as 77, creating a tough paradox for the communities. While the economic survival of the towns is contingent on the influx of tourists, it's precisely those tourists that strain the small-town wastewater infrastructure to the edge of disaster.
Education	American Experience "The Busing Battleground" American Experience "The Harvest: Integrating Mississippi's Schools"	9/11 9/13 9/12 9/15	8pm 1am 8pm 3am		Revisit 1970s Boston, when Black and white students were bused for the first time between neighborhoods to comply with a federal court desegregation order - unleashing violence and racial unrest that would escalate and continue for years. Explore what happened when the small Mississippi town of Leland integrated its public schools in 1970. Told through the remembrances of students, teachers and parents, the film shows how the town - and America - were transformed.

MontanaPBS Kids – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Early Childhood Learning	Molly of Denali: Wise Raven and Old Crow	7/10	8:30am	56 mins.	This series follows the adventures of Molly, a feisty and resourceful Alaska Native girl, as she helps her parents run the Denali Trading Post in their Alaskan village. Viewers are introduced to the rich history and modern-day experience of family life in the heart of the Alaskan tundra through the eyes of Molly, her parents, and her friends. Designed to help kids develop skills around informational text such as using a map and following an instruction manual, this is the first nationally distributed children's series in the U.S. to feature an Alaska Native lead character. In this special episode, Molly's family goes on an epic river trip to a traditional Gwich'in village to celebrate their late Grandma Catherine. Getting there won't be easy. Molly will need to listen to the land and connect with her culture to get them there safely.
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		7/28	8:30am		

MontanaPBS Create – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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International cultures	Pati's Mexican Table Season 12	Starts 9/16:	12 Noon	26 mins.	PATI'S MEXICAN TABLE brings authentic Mexican flavors, colors, textures and warmth into American kitchens. A former policy analyst focused on Latin American politics and history, Pati Jinich is a chef, cooking teacher, food writer and mother of three whose true passion lies in sharing the tastes of her childhood and culinary adventures in her native country. In each episode, Pati embarks upon an exciting and entertaining journey, where each dish serves as a point of departure into Mexico's rich history and culture, Pati's personal experiences, and her ongoing conversations with cooks in both Mexico and the United States.

MontanaPBS World – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Race, Income Equality, Gentrification	America ReFramed “Kid Candidate”	8/3	6pm	56 mins.	A viral joke video catapults Hayden Pedigo - a 24-year-old artist and musician in Amarillo, TX - into the spotlight and prompts him to make a surprise bid for city council. With his goal of upending the status quo and ousting corrupt incumbent politicians, KID CANDIDATE follows Pedigo's unorthodox campaign while unpacking issues of race, income inequality and gentrification in small-town America.
		8/3	10pm		
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		8/5	8pm		
		8/6	12am		
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MontanaPBS Capitol Coverage – Digital Multicast Channel – Standard Definition

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Politics/Government	MPAN (Legislative Channel)	3rd 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.