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## **MontanaPBS Vote 2020: Upcoming Debates & Election Coverage**

MontanaPBS will host U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives and the Montana Governor's candidate debates this fall.

- **Wednesday, September 23: U.S. House Debate**  
Matt Rosendale (R), the current Montana State Auditor and former Montana Legislator, Kathleen Williams (D), debate live.
- **Monday, September 28: U.S. Senate Debate**  
Incumbent Senator Steve Daines (R) and Governor Steve Bullock (D) debate live.
- **Tuesday, October 6: Montana Governor Debate**  
Republican U.S. Representative Greg Gianforte and Democratic Lieutenant Governor Mike Cooney debate live.

All debates will broadcast at 7PM across the state on MontanaPBS and will be studio-based in Missoula without a live audience.

MontanaPBS journalists John Twiggs and Anna Rau will ask questions of the candidates and moderate an open discussion to facilitate the exchange of ideas and policies. This debate cuts through the rhetoric, the advertising and the noise with the two candidates in the same room discussing the country's most important issues.

"It is part of our MontanaPBS mission to inform the citizens of our state," MontanaPBS Director and General Manager Aaron Pruitt said. "All three major offices are part of our election cycle this fall, and we hope the debates will shed light on the candidates and their positions before Montanans cast their critical votes."

The debates will simulcast live on Montana Public Radio, Yellowstone Public Radio and online at [montanapbs.org/live](https://montanapbs.org/live) and on the MontanaPBS Facebook page. Additionally, C-SPAN2 will air the U.S. Senate debate live on Monday September 28 at 7pm.

To view a full list of upcoming election coverage, including in-depth candidate profiles for all three of these major races, new episodes of The Rundown with Jackie Coffin, as well as national coverage from PBS NewsHour, Frontline and more, visit [montanapbs.org/electioncoverage](https://montanapbs.org/electioncoverage).

The selection of the candidates invited to participate in the debates adheres to MontanaPBS' established Debate Participation Criteria, available for review at [montanapbs.org/about/publicinformation](https://montanapbs.org/about/publicinformation).



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