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'Backroads of Montana' Celebrates 50th Episode

The awarding-winning Montana PBS series *Backroads of Montana* will premiere episode number 50 on **Monday, November 15 at 8PM MST**. This episode is entitled "The Great Outdoors."

"I think we're all a little surprised, and grateful, that we've been able to maintain the Backroads show this long," Montana native and host William Marcus said. "It proves that there is no end to the hopeful stories and soul-touching beauty that we live with every day in Montana."

On this episode, retirement is a busy time for a special group of volunteers who come to Montana every summer. The longtime friends all hail from a community college in Tucson, Arizona; and they serve as hosts for the campgrounds near **Seeley Lake**. Their wisdom and hard work are leaving their mark on the campers, on the campgrounds and on the community of Seeley Lake.

You may think working on a Montana ranch is one way to disappear, but not at **Lolo's** Dunrovin Ranch. Someone's always watching. But, that's all part of the plan. Cameras stationed around the ranch allow the world to participate in the daily ranch happenings without leaving their homes.

A sure sign of winter is when Montana's rivers freeze. Backroads cameras observe the quiet and beautiful process of ice forming on a western Montana river, and viewers will learn a little science along the way.

It's touted as the most visited state park in Montana, but Giant Springs State Park means much more to the residents of **Great Falls**. It's where they continually return to recreate and reflect. In 1991, Giant Springs was one of the first Backroads adventures. Now the team returns to rediscover this treasured area.

Backroads of Montana host William Marcus tells viewers the story of The Bison Range near **Moiese**.

The episode will have repeat airings on Thursday, November 18 at 7PM, Saturday, November 20 at 5PM and Sunday, November 21 at 10AM MST. For more information, or to watch upcoming and previous episodes, visit **montanapbs.org/backroads**.



William Marcus, Gus Chambers, John Twiggs, Anna Rau, Breanna McCabe and Ray Ekness produce Backroads of Montana for Montana PBS through the University of Montana Broadcast Media Center.

Backroads of Montana, now in its 30th year of production, is made possible with support from the Greater Montana Foundation, a Big Sky Film Grant, and UM. Backroads has received multiple awards including being named the Montana Broadcasters Association non-commercial television program of the year numerous times.

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