



## News Release

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### **MontanaPBS Announces Debates Featuring Candidates for U.S. House and U.S. Senate**

MontanaPBS will host United States Senate and United States House of Representatives candidate debates this fall.

On Saturday, September 29 in Missoula, Democratic incumbent Sen. Jon Tester and Republican Montana Auditor Matt Rosendale will discuss issues as they face off for a seat in the U.S. Senate. Republican incumbent Rep. Greg Gianforte will debate Democratic challenger Kathleen Williams on Saturday, October 6 in Bozeman.

Both debates will broadcast at 7:00 p.m. across the state on Montana PBS and will be studio based without a live audience. MontanaPBS journalists John Twiggs and Anna Rau will ask questions of the candidates and facilitate the discussion. The debates will be simulcast live on Montana Public Radio.

A unique format featuring an open discussion period will facilitate the exchange of ideas and policies. This debate cuts through the rhetoric, the advertising and the noise with the two candidates sitting at the same table discussing the country's most important issues.

In the weeks preceding the debates, MontanaPBS and Montana Public Radio will solicit questions on social media from their viewers and listeners to potentially ask the candidates.

"It is part of our MontanaPBS mission to inform the citizens of our state," MontanaPBS general manager Aaron Pruitt said. "We hope the debates will shed light on the candidates and their positions before Montanans cast their votes."

The selection of the candidates invited to participate in the debates adheres to MontanaPBS' established Debate Participation Criteria, available for review at

[www.montanapbs.org](http://www.montanapbs.org).

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