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### MCH-FUNDED 'LAST STAND AT LITTLE BIGHORN' AIRS ON PUBLIC TELEVISION STATIONS NOV. 25

#### **MISSOULA** --

"Last Stand at Little Bighorn," a film funded partly by The University of Montana-based Montana Committee for the Humanities, will air Wednesday, Nov. 25, on Montana public TV stations.

The show, part of the Public Broadcasting Service's series on "The American Experience," will

begin at 9 p.m. Eastern time. Montanans must check their local listings for viewing times.

The film explores the controversial event commonly known as "Custer's Last Stand," in which Army Gen. George Armstrong Custer and the more than 200 men he led were killed in 1876 during a battle with Indians in southeastern Montana.

In "Last Stand at Little Bighorn," that watershed historical event is seen from the views of the Sioux, Cheyenne and Crow tribes and white settlers. The film features interviews with Ted Rising Sun of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and Joseph Medicine Crow of the Crow Tribe.

Produced by independent film maker Paul Steckler, "Last Stand" was written by UM alumnus James Welch of <u>Missoula</u>. The award-winning author of the book "Fools Crow," Welch is of Blackfeet and Gros Ventre heritage. Scott Momaday, a Pulitzer Prize-winning Native American writer, narrates the film.

The MCH is an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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