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AREA STUDENTS WORK ON UM STUDENT DOCUMENTARY

MISSOULA --

Four University of Montana-Missoula students from eastern Montana helped produce the latest documentary by UM's award-winning Student Documentary Unit.

The unit's hourlong documentary on tribal sovereignty in Montana, "Native America: Whose Land? Whose Law?", debuts on Montana Public Television station KUSM this month and will air on other Montana stations early next year.

The documentary, produced entirely by UM students, covers sovereignty issues involving land use, the criminal justice system, business and taxation, gambling and the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Shanon Dell of <u>Laurel</u> served as associate director for the documentary. Sean Bramble of <u>Billings</u> was the producer for the documentary's criminal justice segment, which looks at police and court issues. Margo Thompson of <u>Lambert</u> produced the business and taxation segment, which studies the controversy over Crow tribal claims to tourist dollars via a new 4 percent resort tax. Teresa Wolff of <u>Circle</u> was a reporter in the land use segment, which looks at three current controversies over land and water use.

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