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AREA STUDENTS WORK ON UM DOCUMENTARY

MISSOULA --

Two University of Montana—Missoula students from the Yellowstone area helped produce the latest documentary by UM's award-winning Student Documentary Unit, "Native America: Whose Land? Whose Law?"

Suzi Jewett of Ennis was the documentary's overall producer, overseeing a project that involved 35 students exploring varied issues and current controversies concerning tribal sovereignty in Montana.

Shawn Tedder of <u>Yellowstone Park</u>, <u>Wyo.</u>, worked as a photographer and editor for the segment of the program that deals with business and taxation.

The Student Documentary Unit's hourlong program on tribal sovereignty in Montana debuts on Montana Public Television station KUSM this month and will air on other Montana stations early next year.

Produced entirely by UM students, the program covers the history of tribal sovereignty in Montana and issues involving land use, the criminal justice system, business and taxation, gambling and the Indian Child Welfare Act.

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