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Contact: William Marcus, John Twiggs or Gus Chambers, (406) 243-4101. 'BACKROADS OF MONTANA' NOMINATED FOR REGIONAL EMMY MISSOULA –

The PBS television series "Backroads of Montana" has added another honor to its list of achievements. The program's 14th episode, "Roundup to Ninemile," has been nominated for a Northwest Regional Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

This is the program's third Emmy nomination. Winners will be announced June 16 during the NATAS-Northwest Emmy Awards, which honor outstanding television productions from Alaska, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

"We're very honored to be nominated," program host William Marcus said. "It shows that 'Backroads' can compete with the best productions in the Northwest."

Gus Chambers, one of the show's producers, said, "It's nice to be recognized by your peers."

"Backroads of Montana" highlights interesting people, places and events from around the Treasure State. The program is produced by Chambers, Marcus, John Twiggs and Ray Ekness of The University of Montana Broadcast Media Center and Montana PBS station KUFM-TV.

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"Backroads" has won three Program of the Year awards from the Montana Broadcasters Association and a national Award of Distinction from the Communicator Awards.

The program is funded by grants from the Greater Montana Foundation, Travel Montana and UM and is seen around the world as part of PBS Heartland USA International broadcasts.

Montana PBS is a service of UM in Missoula and Montana State University in Bozeman.

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