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FILMMAKER TO PRESENT PREVIEW OF PBS NATIONAL PARK SERIES AT UM

MISSOULA—

Dayton Duncan, co-producer with Ken Burns of the new PBS documentary “The National Parks: America’s Best Idea,” will present a sneak preview of the series at The University of Montana on Sunday, Aug. 30.

The preview event, which is free and open to the public, will be held at 5 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

Duncan, who wrote the series script and a companion book to be published by Knopf, has visited all but one of America’s 58 national parks.

“Making this film was one of the greatest joys of my life,” he said.

William Marcus, general manager of KUFM-TV/Montana PBS, said that Duncan’s visit is a rare opportunity for viewers to interact with the creator of one of the flagship productions of PBS.

“The longtime collaboration between Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns has produced a remarkable body of work for American television,” he said. “We are lucky that they consider PBS to be their home.”

Marcus said that the national parks series has generated lots of excitement at Montana PBS.

“Montanans take great pride in our two national parks, Glacier and Yellowstone, so we know many people will watch the series,” he said.

The series premieres at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, on Montana PBS, with new episodes airing at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, through Friday, Oct. 2.

Duncan will present a similar program in **Whitefish** at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, at the O'Shaughnessy Center. The admission charge to the Whitefish event is \$5.

Montana PBS will display photographs from their "Nature in Our Own Backyard" photography contest in the lobby at both events.

Duncan's visit to Montana is sponsored by the Glacier National Park Fund, the National Park Conservation Association, Montana PBS and The University of Montana.

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