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'REFLECTIONS IN MONTANA,' A RADIO SERIES,
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MISSOULA--

The Montana Committee for the Humanities (MCH), headquartered at the University of Montana, has received a grant of \$68,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to produce a 12-part radio series called "Reflections in Montana."

The Montana Committee was one of five state committees out of 48 that applied to receive an award. The others were in Illinois, Maine, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

The 12 half-hour programs are a response to Montana's strong interest in local history and traditions, Dr. Margaret Kingsland, MCH director, said. Subjects of the programs include: Montana folklore and tales; the history and culture of Montana Indian tribes; implications and consequences of the new state Constitution; Montana fiction writers; and trade relations and changing political climates.

Scholars contributing to the project will be drawn from all units of the Montana University system, other institutions of higher education, and from cultural institutions in the state.

Shorter, 3½-minute segments, also will be developed for commercial radio stations.

The MCH proposal was developed in conjunction with staff members of KUFM, University of Montana National Public Radio affiliate, and KEMC, NPR

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affiliate based in Billings.

The tapes will be available after broadcast to schools and the general public through the Montana State Library System.

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