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NPR SAVED; KUFM TO HELP OUT  
MISSOULA--

"NPR is going to be around," Greg MacDonald, station manager of KUFM, a National Public Radio station affiliate, said. "It has been saved but it's going to cost us some money."

With debts totaling \$9.1 million, NPR, which is comprised of 280 member stations throughout the country, nearly went bankrupt this month. However, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which oversees both public radio and television, agreed to loan NPR the money it needs to keep operating.

MacDonald said it will be up to the station affiliates to pay off the loan. KUFM, which is located on the University of Montana campus, has agreed to give NPR \$10,000 for each of the next three years to help guarantee the loan.

The money was not figured into the station's budget and a special fund-raising drive is under way. KUFM raised a record \$93,075 this spring and raising another \$10,000 by October "won't be easy," MacDonald said.

NPR had hoped to become self-sufficient by 1989, he said, but got into trouble over federal cutbacks and deregulation of certain aspects of the broadcasting industry by the Federal Communications Commission. Also, NPR was overly optimistic about receiving outside grant money.

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