

2025 4th Quarter Issues for Wyoming Public Media

Wildlife

Topic: Making apple cider is a sweet way to reduce bear conflicts. On the Flathead Indian Reservation in Northwest Montana, picking apples means there's less food to attract bears.

Time: 5 min

Date: Oct. 3 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 5 at noon.

Topic: As Wyoming moves to protect the world's largest pronghorn herd, fed's energy goals may supersede. Wyoming is faced with a tale as old as time: balancing multiple interests on public land. The state is poised to protect a threatened pronghorn herd, but federal directives for Unleashing American Energy could get in the way.

Time: 5 min

Date: Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 26 at noon.

Topic: Cody Roberts pleaded not guilty to felony charges. Wyoming Public Radio's Caitlin Tan briefs us on the scene at the courthouse and what comes next.

Time: 8 min

Date: Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 16 at noon.

Topic: Yellowstone National Park's wolves have been contentious ever since they were reintroduced in 1995. Within the park, the roughly 100 canines are protected from hunting and trapping, and are a massive draw for tourists. But once they leave, those protections vanish, and the few wolves that venture out often die, quickly.

Time: 9 min

Date: Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 23 at noon.

Economy

Topic: As TerraPower constructs a training facility for its forthcoming nuclear power plant, Kemmerer's administrator says getting the city ready is a point of stress. Partly because of budget cuts and impending coal mine job losses.

Time: 5 min

Date: Oct. 3 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 5 at noon.

Topic: The Wyoming Business Council asked likely voters what's working and what's not in their local communities. Investing to avoid brain drain was a common theme.

Time: 8 min

Date: Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 16 at noon

AI data centers

Topic: The Vice President of a new \$1.2 billion data center explains how the power, water and economics of the center might affect Cheyenne.

Time: 8 min

Date: Oct. 31 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 2 at noon.

Ranching

Topic: Wyoming ranchers are testing GPS collars to help manage the movement of their livestock.

Time: 5 min

Date: Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 23 at noon.

Sports

Topic: Teton Village's Anna Gibson says bronze run at Worlds was the best of her career. Wyoming Public Radio's Hannah Habermann chatted with Gibson before she headed to Italy for her last race of the season at the finale of the Golden Trail World Series.

Time: 8 min

Date: Oct. 3 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 5 at noon.

Politics

Topic: In an ideal, theoretical world, Rep. John Bear (R-Gillette) says he'd like to see churches take more of a lead on some aspects of state government, like certain mental health and welfare programs.

Time: 8 min

Date: Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 23 at noon.

Topic: When you think about how the state of Wyoming spends its money, where it all goes and why it goes where it goes, things can feel pretty abstract. Those cash questions got real this month.

Time: 8 min

Date: Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 14 at noon.

Immigration

Topic: What one Jackson woman wished she had known ahead of her husband's Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention.

Time: 5 min

Date: Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 16 at noon.

Topic: Rock Springs, Wyo., is promoting Latino businesses, while the county works with ICE to crack down on immigration.

Time: 4 min

Date: Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 14 at noon.

National issues at a local level

Topic: Cheney, who was Pres. George H.W. Bush's secretary of defense at the time, was back in Wyoming to receive UW's outstanding alumni award. He spoke with WPM about how JFK inspired him to pursue a career in politics, his time at UW and the state of geopolitics.

Time: 10 min

Date: Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 16 at noon.

Public Land Management

Topic: People continue to be confused about the land use plan adopted last year for millions of acres in southwest Wyoming. Adding to that confusion is another impending change, which the BLM held a public meeting about in Rock Springs recently.

Time: 8 min

Date: Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 7 at noon.

Energy

Topic: Can an AI data center be 'green'? Maybe, but even the ones that want to be environmentally friendly face energy challenges.

Time: 5 min

Date: Oct. 31 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 2 at noon.

Topic: The Trump administration is betting on coal to solve the growing electricity dilemma for powering AI. But Inside Climate News' Jake Bolster writes that it's a "19th century technology being used to solve a 21st century problem."

Time: 9 min

Date: Oct. 31 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 2 at noon.

Wildfire

Topic: Many of the coal seams that underlie much of northeast Wyoming's ranchland caught fire after wildfires moved through the area last summer. They present several risks for landowners and the fire department.

Time: 5 min

Date: Oct. 3 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 5 at noon.

Housing

Topic: There's been an especially steep drop in fertility rates in western states, including Wyoming, which has also seen a big jump in the cost of housing.

Time: 5 min

Date: Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 26 at noon.

Topic: Modern West podcast returns with a season on affordable housing. Cheap Dirt explores the quirky and sometimes extreme workarounds Westerners are finding for affordable housing.

Time: 8 min

Date: Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 26 at noon.

Elections

Topic: Out of 80 formal election complaints submitted to the Secretary of State's office in the past two years, 7.5% contained allegations of voter fraud. Most alleged misconduct or errors by officials.

Time: 8 min

Date: Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 26 at noon.

Health Care

Topic: Multiple actions taken at the state and federal levels are hurting the already fragile financial system of these health care providers, including what has been at the heart of the federal government shutdown. However, all in the industry are eyeing a new bucket of federal money that they hope will help hospitals emerge from these dire financial straits.

Time: 8 min

Date: Oct. 3 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 5 at noon.

Topic: Healthcare on the dual seasonal grind: 'Find a new insurer.' Workers navigate potential triple-digit price hikes and diminishing options.

Time: 5 min

Date: Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 26 at noon.

Topic: What's in Wyoming's application for federal funds to transform healthcare. The proposal includes creating financial incentives for critical access hospitals to have emergency and labor and delivery departments, expanding on behavioral telehealth and creating healthcare workforce scholarships, among others.

Time: 8 min

Date: Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 16 at noon.

Topic: The state hopes to use federal Rural Health Transformation Program dollars to help recruit and retain more healthcare professionals. WWAMI's TRUST training program could help.

Time: 5 min

Date: Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 7 at noon.

Topic: 'What a fool to be cautiously optimistic': Jacksonites react as end looms for healthcare subsidies. With weeks until an end-of-year deadline, Congress lets premium lifelines slip by.

Time: 5 min

Date: Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 14 at noon.

Property taxes

Topic: Towns like Pine Haven rely on a network of volunteer firefighters with limited resources to battle sometimes-deadly blazes. In Crook County, property tax cuts have slashed an account meant for new fire engines and equipment.

Time: 5 min

Date: Oct. 3 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 5 at noon.

Topic: With slashed property taxes, weed and pest managers seek stability for programs like trained dogs.

Time: 5 min

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Mental Health

Topic: Some men over 57 are creating a new space to find community in Teton County. The vision is simple: to help people make friends in the years after they retire.

Time: 5 min

Date: Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 23 at noon.

Topic: Former Jackson mayor Sara Flitner on her relationship with her nephew, Cody-based country star Luke Bell, following the recent release of his posthumous album.

Time: 8 min

Date: Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 7 at noon.

Native American issues

Topic: Brendan Basham was the first-ever culinary resident at the Ucross Foundation ranch outside Buffalo. He was also the foundation's inaugural Native American writing fellow in 2020.

Time: 8 min

Date: Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 23 at noon.

Topic: Bison meat, chokecherry jam and cardboard boxes: Behind the scenes of a food distribution. Seven hundred boxes of food went out into the community at the end of November, each with a package of bison meat from the reservation and chokecherry jam for elders.

Time: 5 min

Date: Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 7 at noon.

Topic: The Eastern Shoshone Cultural Hub project keeps taking shape, thanks to community input. The new space would bring four separate tribal departments under one roof, with an overarching goal to create a centralized space to celebrate and preserve Shoshone culture.

Time: 5 min

Date: Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 14 at noon.

Business and industry

Topic: Wayne and Molly Hughes have become some of the state's biggest donors since moving to Jackson Hole from California about eight years ago. A team of journalists tracked their spending.

Time: 7 min

Date: Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 7 at noon.

Topic: Researchers are trying to find alternative uses for coal, like construction and farming. Proving that technology works is no small feat, but perhaps the trickier task is shifting how some people feel about coal.

Time: 5 min

Date: Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 14 at noon.

Topic: Charles Hoskinson said he created the contracting and concrete companies in support of the research-focused Hoskinson Health and Wellness Clinic and it no longer made sense to keep them online.

Time: 8 min

Date: Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 14 at noon.

University of Wyoming

Topic: Researchers at the University of Wyoming have been studying how well plants thrive outside their preferred ecosystems. They planted gardens at various elevations to see which species would survive with a little help moving.

Time: 5 min

Date: Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. and Dec. 14 at noon.

Music

Topic: Cheyenne Chamber Singers celebrate 35 years. "As Seasons Change - Songs of Harvest and Holiday" kicks off the group's season on Nov. 23.

Time: 8 min

Date: Nov. 14 at 3 p.m. and Nov. 16 at noon.

Humanities

Topic: This fall, artists Georgia and Dave Rowsell went on a 10-day road trip and set up shop at four state parks around Wyoming. The two visited Curt Gowdy, Guernsey, Glendo and Seminoe State Parks, making art outside and sharing their work with other visitors.

Time: 8 min

Date: Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 26 at noon.

Topic: The Wyoming Humanities Council lost 80% of its operational budget this year to federal cuts. But now, a new fund at the University of Wyoming will provide paid internships for students pursuing degrees in the humanities.

Time: 7 min

Date: Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 26 at noon.

Topic: ReStorying the West is a three-year project, aiming to collect stories from Wyomingites throughout Wyoming. University of Wyoming Professor Nancy Small discusses the project's origin, progress, and future.

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