Dear Listeners,

We live in challenging times! Wyoming is experiencing economic problems, and federal funding for public services such as arts, humanities, and public broadcasting is yet again questioned. Funding for vital services such as libraries and museums is also in question.

Many of you have contacted us asking what you can do to help. Here are a few tips:

Keep listening to public radio, watching public television, and enjoying the arts and humanities. Share your experiences with our Wyoming Senators and Representative. When all is said and done, Congress makes the decision on the national budget, before it goes back to the President. Most importantly, don't give up. We've been through this scenario many times before. The difference this time is an unfamiliar President and Administration.

Support the organizations that make a difference in your life. They are part of the intellectual and cultural backbone of a great nation, and their weakening affects us all, from kids watching children's' programs to adults visiting a museum or listening to public radio news.

At WPM, the Spring fund drive is coming up. Please renew your pledge, and add a little extra if you can to keep WPM strong. If you have never pledged, make this your first commitment and investment in public broadcasting. It's worth it – think of the number of times you turned to WPM in the last year just to get accurate news! In Wyoming, public support is the largest contributor to Wyoming Public Media's operating budget.

Give what you can. As you can see, government funding for public broadcasting is precarious, and every person who pledges helps keep public radio strong in Wyoming.

You can pledge on our website at wyomingpublicmedia.org.

And while you're there, you can check the updates on federal funding ------

Sincerely,

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