

Dear Listeners,

Happy New Year!

This past year has been one of the most active in newsgathering and reporting. The new administration has kept all media on their toes, and has put a strain on news gathering and editing functions. Where normally there is a lull between the November elections and the inauguration in January allowing news organizations to take a breather, this year there was none. NPR stepped up to the challenge, and was rewarded by a growth in audience. I hope that you have found this coverage substantive and valuable.

Accelerated 24-hour news cycles mandate a consistent and timely broadcast of information. It has become increasingly difficult to time-shift programs with news content, and our broadcast of On Point is caught in this dilemma. It is distributed live in the morning, but airs at 7 p.m. in Wyoming, often rendering the content obsolete. In addition, Wyoming radio audiences are not able to call in questions – call-ins have to happen in real time. In mid-January, On Point will be replaced by live BBC News programming. Classical Music will continue as per usual at 8 p.m. It can also be found on Classical Wyoming 24/7, and through streaming.

Parting with a beloved program is always difficult, but sometimes the logistics no longer work. If you're an On Point fan, you will be able to access the program on your computer at <http://www.wbur.org/onpoint/ways-to-listen>. Here is the direct link to WBUR for On Point streaming live from 8am – 10am (MST) <http://www.wbur.org/>.

In January, you will also be invited to take a survey. Before you say “oh no!” please remember that this survey is important because it lets our programming department know what programs you like, dislike or are indifferent to. WPM's mission is to serve YOU; knowing what you think is a critical step in this process. Your survey will be available on-line. If you prefer a hard copy, just call WPM at (307) 766-4240. When you receive the survey, please don't put it aside for “another time.” We all know what happens to best laid plans!

A heartfelt thanks to staff members who kept WPM operating through the holiday weeks. While many entities have a well-deserved and long anticipated vacation over the holidays, public radio broadcasts 24/7/365. Our announcers and engineers were here to capture news, announce, and travel statewide to troubleshoot signal problems.

Thank you for your support, your interest, and your loyalty to public radio. We love serving you and all Wyoming!

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