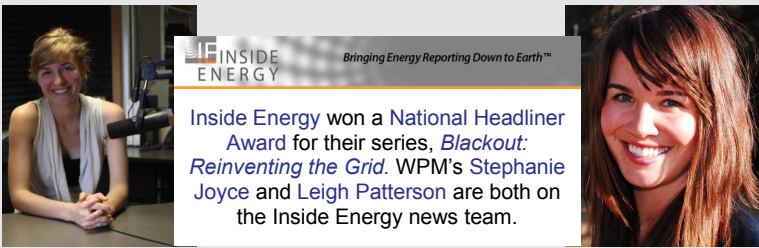




“I just want to express my appreciation for Wyoming Public Radio. It’s fun to listen to. The interviews are always well done, so I want to say thank you Wyoming Public Radio for all that you do for the state of Wyoming.” - **Matt Mead, Governor Of Wyoming**



Wyoming’s legislature appropriated \$500K to UW for WPM site upgrades. This appropriation is part of a multi-year request to the legislature to upgrade WPM’s statewide infrastructure network. Locations slated for upgrading using the \$500K appropriation are Douglas, Evanston, and Lingle. Laramie/ Cheyenne and Rock Springs/Green River were completed last year.



WPM Spring Fund Drive Realities: Donor support is critical, and will remain so for the next several years. Of WPM’s several funding sources, it’s the only support that is within our power to affect. At this time, federal funding is expected to remain flat until at least 2018, and state funding (through UW) is projected to decline due to the dip in Wyoming’s foreseeable economy. Grants are dependent on a number of variables such as eligibility and competition. That leaves individual donors and businesses as the most reliable source of revenue that can be grown to maintain WPM’s operation. Our Spring Fund Drive goal is \$340K, and we will need every generous penny of it! Thanks for your support.



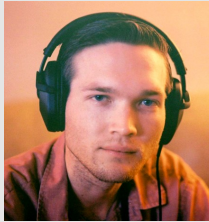
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Raena Bush covered a [snapshot](#) in [Wyoming Minute](#) that highlighted the myth of the mountain men’s bushy beards.



Melodie Edwards reported on [The Secret, Social Lives Of Mountain Lions](#). NPR’s All Things Considered picked up the story.




Aaron Schrank hosted a [Twitter chat](#) with [Wyoming Education Association](#) President Kathy Vetter.



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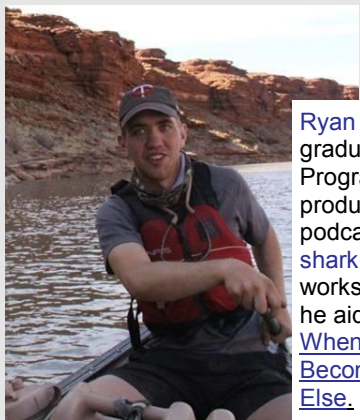
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INTERNS



Ryan Oberhelman will be graduating from UW's MFA Program this spring. As a producer for WPM's *HumaNature* podcast, he helped locate the [shark attack survivor](#) who now works in shark conservation and he aided in the production of [When A Search And Rescue Becomes A Search For Something Else](#).



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