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*Nature: Born in the Rockies*

Uma Thurman narrates two-part special, premiering Wednesday, November 10 and 17 at 8 p.m. ET on PBS ([check local listings](http://www.pbs.org/tv_schedules/)), [pbs.org/nature](https://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/) and the [PBS Video app](https://www.pbs.org/pbs-video-app/)

**Synopsis**:

The Rocky Mountains are one of the longest mountain ranges on Earth, stretching some 2,000 miles from central New Mexico to the northern edge of Canada. Journey deep into the wild heart of the Rocky Mountains and experience this rugged land through the eyes of its iconic wildlife. As the seasons change, follow the drama of courageous animal families: a herd of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep and their newborn lambs, a mother grizzly bear and her cubs, and a flock of sandhill cranes and their offspring. Witness their struggle to survive in one of the world’s most challenging and spectacular habitats as they face off against predators, the elements and, sometimes, even each other. Narrated by Uma Thurman.

**Featured Creatures:**

* Bighorn sheep
* Red fox
* Mountain goat
* Mountain lion
* Black bear
* Bison
* Bobcat
* Elk
* Crane
* Coyote
* Kangaroo rat

**Short TV Listing:** Journey into the heart of the Rocky Mountains and follow the animals who survive its rugged terrain.

**Long TV Listing:** Go deep into the wild heart of the Rocky Mountains and experience this rugged land through the eyes of its iconic wildlife like bears and bison. Follow the drama as newborns make their way in one of the world’s most challenging and spectacular habitats.

**Episode One, “First Steps”**

*Premieres Wednesday, November 10 at 8 p.m. ET on PBS (*[*check local listings*](http://www.pbs.org/tv_schedules/)*),*[*pbs.org/nature*](http://pbs.org/nature)*and the* [*PBS Video app*](https://www.pbs.org/pbs-video-app/)

**Long TV Listing:** From early spring to late summer, follow new animal mothers through the trials of raising a family in the Rocky Mountains. Cranes migrate north to give birth, a bison mother protects her lambs from threats and young mountain goats learn to climb.

**Short TV Listing:** From early spring to late summer, follow new animal mothers through the trials of raising a family.

**Buzzworthy Moments:**

* Baby mountain goats learn how to climb mountains; their mothers memorize the landscape to lead the way. Baby goats imprint on their mothers, which allows one kid to find his mother even in a crowded environment.
* Adult cranes lead their babies across a busy road to begin their journey to a new home.

**Noteworthy Facts:**

* Mountain goats spend their entire lives at the roof of the Rocky Mountains, surviving where few others can, even in the depths of winter.
* The Rocky Mountains stretch 2,000 miles across six states and parts of Canada.

**Episode Two, “Growing Up”**

*Premieres Wednesday, November 17 at 8 p.m. ET on PBS (*[*check local listings*](http://www.pbs.org/tv_schedules/)*),*[*pbs.org/nature*](http://pbs.org/nature)*and the* [*PBS Video app*](https://www.pbs.org/pbs-video-app/)

**Long TV Listing:** Young animals face new challenges as winter envelopes the Rocky Mountains, and spring means the end of childhood. A grizzly mom prepares her cubs for hibernation, a mountain lion raises her kittens and a bison calf must learn to survive the snow.

**Short TV Listing:** Young animals face new challenges as winter envelopes the Rocky Mountains.

**Buzzworthy Moments:**

* Bighorn sheep compete for dominance during mating season by butting their heads and horns.
* In a rare moment of reluctant generosity, a mountain lion mother agrees to share a frozen deer carcass with her fully grown cubs. This may be their last shared meal before the cubs must learn to find food on their own.

**Noteworthy Facts:**

* Around 85% of Colorado's human population lives on the eastern edge of the Rocky Mountains.
* Hyperphagia is the medical term for overeating, such as when animals fatten up for the winter.

**Series Overview:**

For 40 years, ***Nature*** has pioneered a television genre that is now widely emulated in the broadcast industry, bringing the natural world to millions of viewers. The series has won more than 700 honors from the television industry, the international wildlife film communities and environmental organizations, including 20 Emmys and three Peabodys. Consistently among the most-watched primetime series on PBS, ***Nature*** continues to innovate through original digital programming, such as the new podcast [***Going Wild with Dr. Rae Wynn-Grant***](https://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/podcasts/going-wild/), and a commitment to converting viewers into doers. ***Nature***’s award-winning website, [pbs.org/nature](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/), features full episodes, short films, digital series, behind-the-scenes content, news articles, educational resources and more. The series is available for streaming concurrent with broadcast on all station-branded PBS platforms, including [PBS.org](http://pbs.org/) and the [PBS Video App](https://www.pbs.org/pbs-video-app/), available on iOS, Android, Roku streaming devices, Apple TV, Android TV, Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Chromecast and VIZIO. PBS station members can view many series, documentaries and specials via [PBS Passport](https://www.pbs.org/passport/videos/). For more information about PBS Passport, visit the [PBS Passport FAQ](https://help.pbs.org/support/solutions/5000121793) website.

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***Nature*** is a production of The WNET Group for PBS. Fred Kaufman is Executive Producer. Bill Murphy is Series Producer and Janet Hess is Series Editor. ***Nature: Born in the Rockies*** is a production of Pontecorvo Productions and The WNET Group in co-production with Terra Mater Factual Studios. Written, produced and filmed by Joseph Pontecorvo. Edited by Billy McMillin and location sound by Nimmida Pontecorvo. Narrated by Uma Thurman.

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