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SPOTTING AND PREVENTING PANDEMIC-RELATED SCAMS AND OTHER FRAUD IN MONTANA/THE MOUNTAIN WEST

WHEN :

March 24, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm Mountain Time
(10-11:30 am PST; 1-2:30 EST)

HOW :

Click [HERE](#) for Zoom link

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WHO:

- Chuck Harwood, Director of the FTC's Northwest Regional Office
- Beth Hayes, Attorney, Montana Legal Services, Consumer Protection Project
- Andrew Johnson, Chief of Staff of the FTC's Division of Consumer and Business Education
- Chuck Munson, Montana Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Protection
- Shawn Spruce, Programs Consultant, First Nations Development Institute

Special community representatives:

- Soft Landing Missoula
- Montana Public Health and Human Services
- AARP
- Better Business Bureau

WHY:

Scammers thrive on catastrophes and hardships. Across Montana and the Mountain West, scammers prey on people struggling to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic fallout. In this briefing with ethnic and community media, the FTC joins with local legal experts, law enforcement professionals, nonprofits and community service providers to explore the landscape of consumer fraud as it is impacting Montana's communities -- tribal, rural, low income, immigrant, refugees.

Information is an effective antidote to scams that promote fake cures, bogus test sites, get-rich-quick schemes, business and government impostors, fake love affairs and more.

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