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New PBS series tells the story of the American chestnut tree

Asheville, NC – If you haven't seen the new PBS series about Appalachia and the American chestnut, there's still time.

The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF), headquartered in Asheville, has been working for more than 25 years to bring this iconic tree back to forests in the eastern part of the United States.

The story of the American chestnut tree is featured the new series, "Appalachia: A History of Mountains and People." Once the dominant hardwood tree in North Carolina forests, the chestnut was decimated by blight in the first half of the 20th century. The American chestnut tree, its life, death and rebirth, are included in episode four, "Power and Place," of the four-part series which is currently running on local PBS television stations. Check your local listings for dates and times.

About TACF

The American Chestnut Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization headquartered in Asheville, NC. It has nearly 6,000 members and chapters in 17 states. The demise of the American chestnut tree due to chestnut blight has been called the greatest ecological disasters of the 20th century. TACF was established in 1983 with the sole purpose of restoring this majestic tree to its native forests in the eastern United States. Today, TACF's four research farms encompass nearly 160 acres and more than 60,000 American and Chinese chestnut trees which are part of its national breeding program.

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