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Colorado region colleagues:

I'm pleased to announce Jessie Williams will join KMGH as news director and serve as regional news director for the Colorado region. Jessie is currently the news director at KTNV in Las Vegas. KMGH will be Jessie's home newsroom.

Jessie is expected to begin in mid-November. We will share more details about her first days in Denver as plans are finalized.

Jessie has worked for Scripps for more than a decade, beginning as a producer at WXYZ in Detroit and later serving as executive producer at WTMJ in Milwaukee, news director at WSYM in Lansing and news director at KTNV in Las Vegas. At KTNV, she has led the news department for more than three years, with work that has included rebranding the department, expanding programming on a newly acquired second station and strengthening sports partnerships.

Earlier this year, Jessie was selected as the 2026 recipient of RTDNA's Loren Tobia Leadership Award, which recognizes a journalist who exemplifies outstanding leadership within their company or organization. She is also an Emmy Award and regional Edward R. Murrow Award winner and a 2023 fellow of the Carole Kneeland Project for Responsible Journalism.

I also want to thank the entire Denver team for their work including Russell Haythorn who has been for leading the KMGH newsroom during this interim period. I am also pleased to share Russell has been promoted to the assistant news director role effective immediately. We are grateful for the steady leadership and support he and Jodie have provided to the team over the last 7 months. As Russell is moving out of his current role, we will be posting for the Executive Reporter Role soon.

Please join me in welcoming Jessie to the Colorado region and thanking Russell for his continued leadership.

Kathleen Choal
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