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# Everything you need to know about Yellowstone season 5, part 2

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Kevin Costner recently released the first entry in his series of Western films dubbed *Horizon: An American Saga*. However, the only saga they want is the conclusion to what comes next. Costner reinvigorated the Dutton, but his clashes with Paramount have led to Costner's departure from



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Although we're still several weeks away from the return of the series, we're sharing everything we know about *Yellowstone* season 5, part 2. And we'll keep updating this post when anything newsworthy comes up.

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To celebrate the sixth anniversary of *Yellowstone*'s premiere, Paramount Network has finally announced when the final episodes will release. *Yellowstone* season 5, part 2 will begin on **Sunday, November 10** on Paramount Network. Viewers in Canada will be able to watch it on Paramount+ on the same day. In America, Peacock retains the streaming rights for *Yellowstone*, but it's currently unknown how quickly those episodes will appear on the service.

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Additionally, Paramount is attempting the midseason premiere with CBS. After its premiere on Paramount Network, there will be an encore presentation of the first episode on CBS on November 10. This will be followed by only one episode from the new season on CBS on November 17.

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# Can you watch Yellowstone season 5, part 2 any other way?



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Sure! You can try live TV streaming options like Sling, Hulu Plus Live, and YouTube TV. The cheapest and best possible, though, is Philo. Philo is a live television streaming service that offers more than 70 top-rated channels and the entire AMC+ library for just \$28/month. Some of the channels include A&E, MTV, Hallmark Channel, Lifetime, MTV, BET, and the Paramount Network, which is the home of *Yellowstone*.

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## Is there a trailer for Ye

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Yes! At long last, the trailer is here, even if it seems somewhat disingenuous to include clips of Kevin Costner's John Dutton, considering he won't be in the season unless there's some previously unrevealed footage with him.

### Yellowstone Official Trailer | Paramount Network



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The trailer plays up the drama ahead and teases some surprising alliances as the fate of the ranch is determined. It also touches on the increasingly dangerous feud between Jamie and Beth. That builds on the previously released teaser for *Yellowstone* season 5.

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Jamie seems to be desperate to get Beth to back down, and he suggests that their family legacy is at stake. For her part, Beth doesn't care. She'll burn it all to destroy Jamie.

## What's happening in Yellowstone season 5, part 2, episode 1?

Ahead of the mid-season premiere, Paramount Network revealed that the name of the episode is *Desire Is All You Need*. The short synopsis states that, "After an event rattles the state of Montana, nothing will ever be the same." The event in question is likely the death of Montana governor — and Dutton family patriarch — John Dutton, due to Costner's departure from the series.

Paramount Network has also dropped an ominous poster for the final season.



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## What happened to John Dutton in the midseason premiere?

**Warning: There are spoilers ahead for the midseason premiere of *Yellowstone* season 5.**

The show didn't waste any time revealing what happened to the Dutton family patriarch. Governor John Dutton is dead, seemingly by his own hand. While appearing on SiriusXM's *The Michael Smerconish Program*, Costner reacted to the fate of his character. "I heard it's a suicide, so that doesn't make me want to rush to go see it," said Costner. When Smerconish noted that John wasn't likely to commit suicide, Costner added, "Well, they're pretty smart people. Maybe it's a red herring. Who knows? They're very good. And they'll figure that out."

Costner's instincts may be correct, as the show insinuates that John Dutton's death was staged to look like a suicide by a hit man sent by one of his enemies. Either way, the Dutton family has been devastated by his death, and the war between Beth and Jamie Dutton is only going to get more intense.

## Who is in the cast of *Yellowstone* season 5, part 2?



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The core cast expected to appear in *Yellowstone* season 5 part 2 includes:

Luke Grimes as Kayce Dutton

Kelly Reilly as Bethany "Beth" Dutton

Wes Bentley as James Michael "Jamie" Dutton

Cole Hauser as Rip Wheeler

Kelsey Asbille as Monica Long Dutton

Gil Birmingham as Chief Thomas Rainwater

Brecken Merrill as Tate Dutton

Denim Richards as Colby Mayfield

Forrie J. Smith as Lloyd Pierce

Ian Bohen as Ryan

Jen Landon as Teeter



Finn Little as Carter

Ryan Bingham as Walker

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## The first photos of *Yellowstone* season 5 part 2 have arrived

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With the new episodes now just a few months away, Paramount Network has released the first photos of *Yellowstone* season 5, part 2. And the first pic, seen above, doesn't look very good for John Dutton. His estranged adoptive son, Jamie Dutton (Wes Bentley), is appearing alongside Governor Perry (Wendy Moniz), which may be how the show chooses to acknowledge the death of the previous governor, John.

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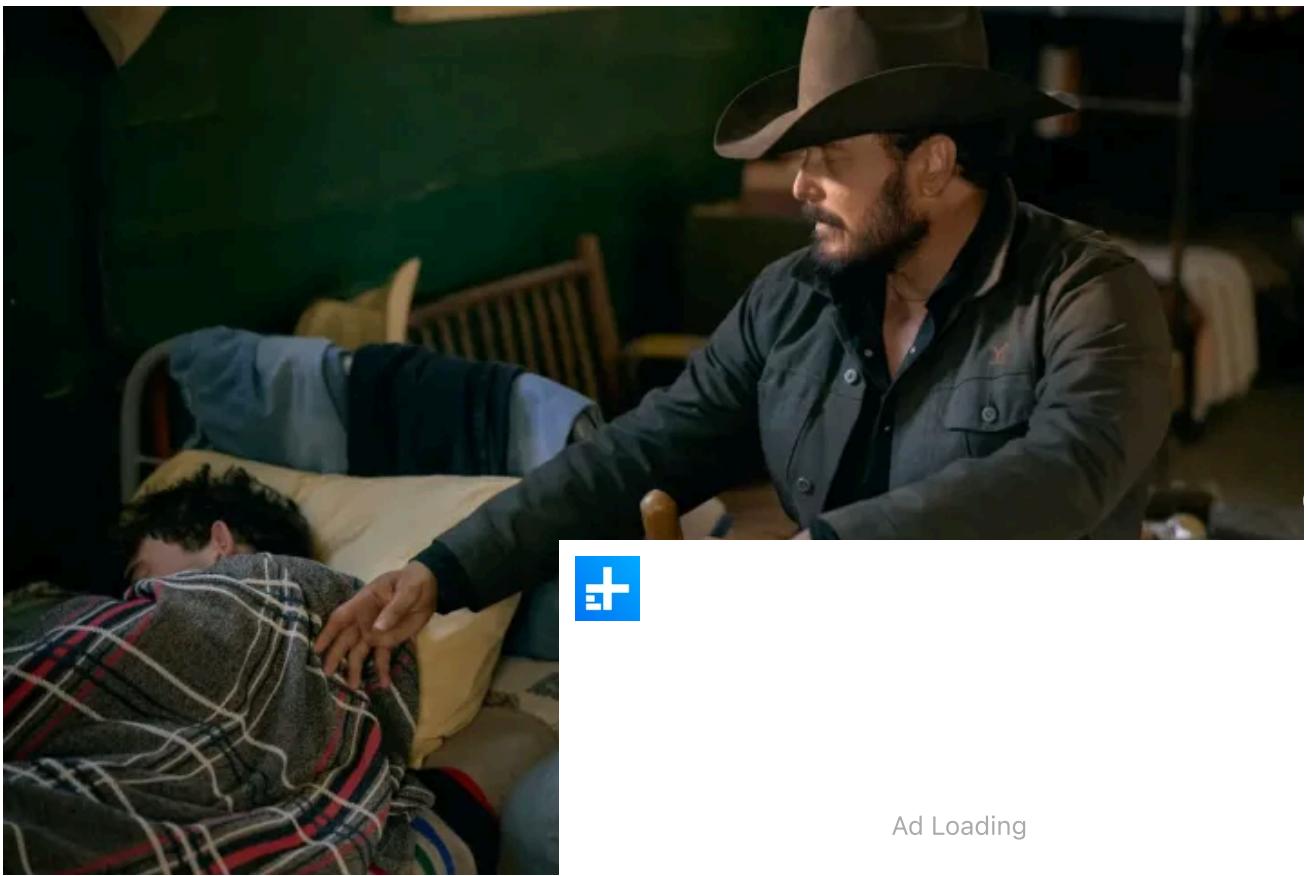
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The second pic features Thomas Rainwater (Gil Birmingham) and Mo (Moses Brings Plenty) presumably making their own plans for Yellowstone ranch.



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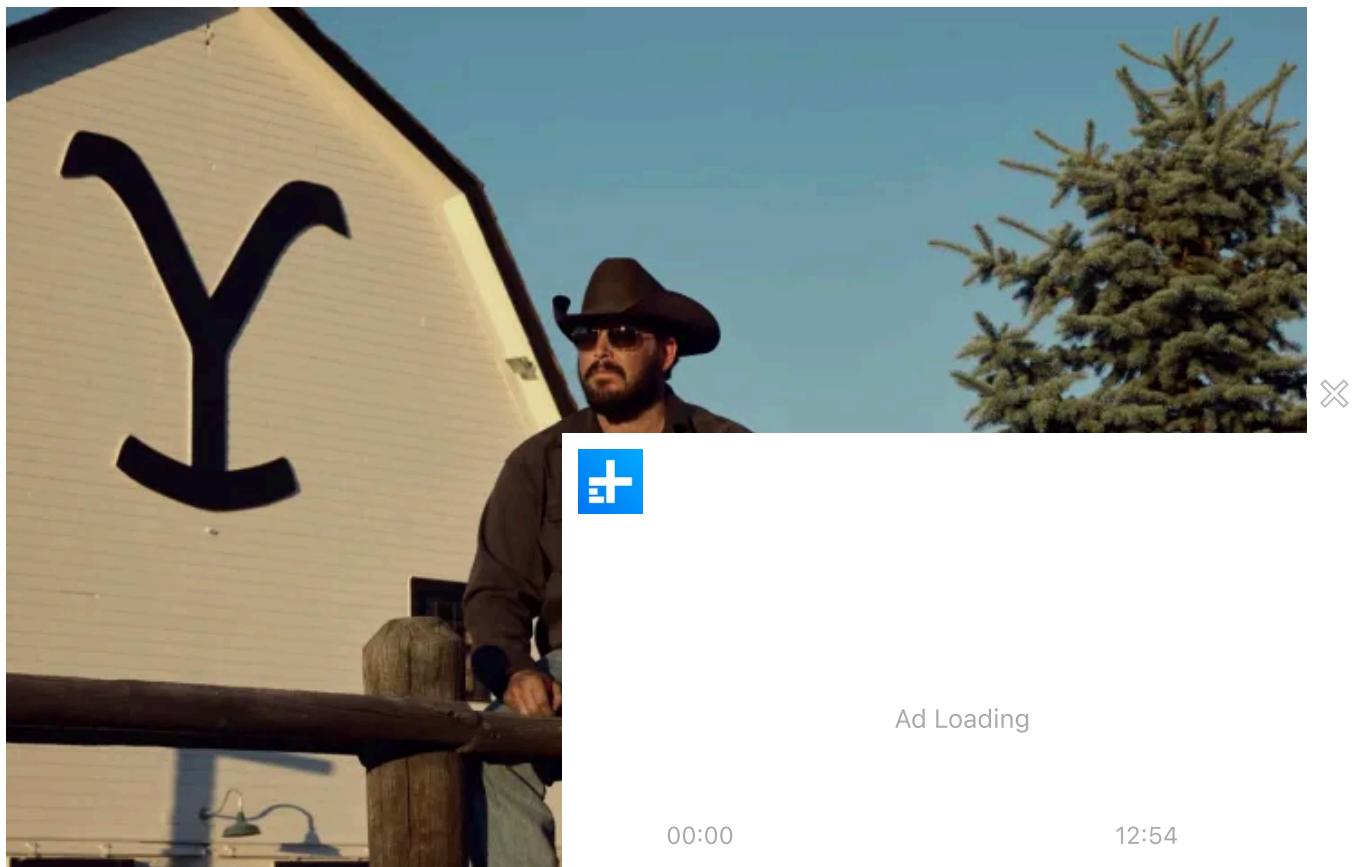
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Rip Wheeler (Cole Hauser) has a quiet moment with a resting Carter (Finn Little).



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It wouldn't be *Yellowstone* without a porch side scene. In this case, Monica Long (Kelsey Asbille), Tate Dutton (Brecken Merrill), and Kacey Dutton (Luke Grimes).



Chances are very good that the future of the show will revolve around Rip Wheeler and Beth Dutton (Kelly Reilly).



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Rip and Beth are seemingly joined at the hip, and their bond may determine whether the Duttons still have control of the ranch at the end of the season.

## Luke Grimes teases the series finale of *Yellowstone*

The cast of *Yellowstone* has been privy to the ending for months, but now Luke Grimes is sharing his thoughts about it.



"I couldn't be happier," Grimes told [EW.com](#). "It's just a testament to the characters and the story. It's a very, very profound, beautiful ending."

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# Did Kevin Costner's departure change the ending of Yellowstone?

Inevitably, some things had to have changed if the original plan was for Costner to finish out the series. But according to Kelly Reilly, John Dutton was already meant to be written out of the series by the final episode.

"The absence [of John Dutton] was part of the ending," Reilly told [EW](#). "That's not something that we had to pivot, that was already written into the tapestry of the story. It was always going to happen, it just happened a little bit differently."

## Will Kevin Costner return for Yellowstone season 5, part 2?



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the actor has definitively announced  
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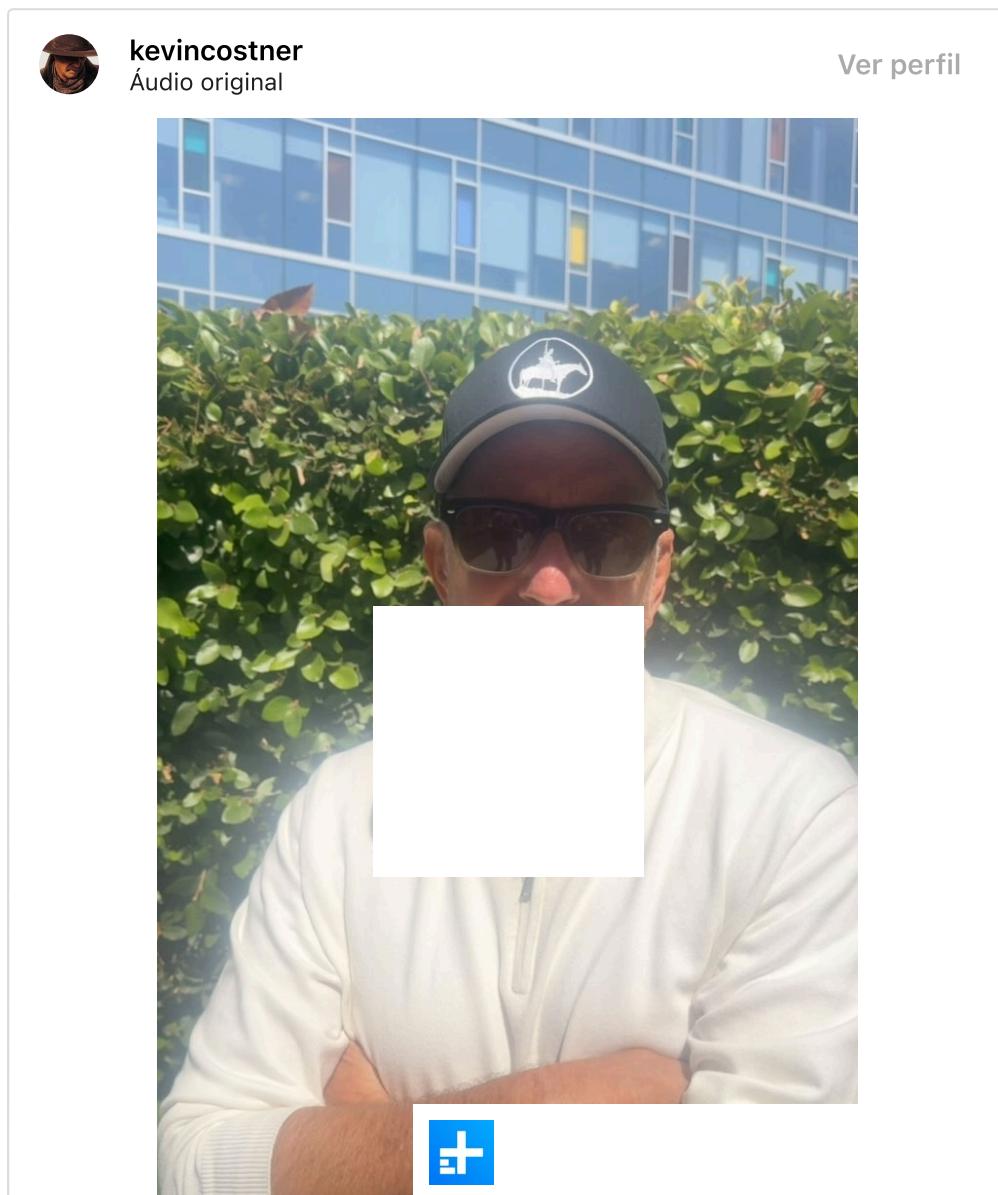
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In a video posted on his Instagram account, Costner said, "I just want to reach out and let you know that after this long year and a half of working on *Horizon* and doing all the things that that's required... and thinking about *Yellowstone*, that beloved series that I love, that I know you love. I just realized that I'm not going to be able to continue, season 5 or into the future."

"I loved it and I know you loved it, and I just wanted to let you know that I won't be returning," Costner added. "I love the relationship we've been able to develop, and I'll see you at the movies."



Costner's public attempts to restart year. [Matthew Belloni of Puck News](#) telling people he will return in some

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"Kevin Costner has been telling people he's planning to return for at least a cameo and possibly more, but there are currently no discussions for him to do that," Belloni wrote. "Even if Costner significantly lowers his financial and time commitment demands, Sheridan may not want to bother reopening his finished scripts to accommodate a send-off for John Dutton."

## Costner teased a possible return to the show

Despite the fact that the show appears to be moving on without him, Costner reiterated his interest in coming back, via [Variety](#) in mid-June.

"I've supported that thing and I've loved it," Costner said during a June 2024 appearance on *Today*. "It's been really important to me. I would love to go back under the right circumstances I think that all of us want. For me, it really needs to be the right circumstances."

Even now, Costner refuses to fully give up on the possibility of his return.

"Saying there's a chance, there's always a chance," added Costner. "I love the thing. You've got to be really clear about that."

## Does Kevin Costner want to come back to Yellowstone?



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After almost a year of silence on the issue, Costner finally made some public comments about his potential return to *Yellowstone* for the final episodes. The good news is that he does want to return, but even Costner doesn't know whether it's going to happen.

"I'd like to be able to do it but we haven't been able to ... I thought I was going to make seven [seasons] but right now we're at five," Costner told [Entertainment Tonight](#). "So how it works out — I hope it does — but they've got a lot of different shows going on. Maybe it will. Maybe this will circle back to me. If it does and I feel really comfortable with [it], I'd love to do it."

Costner also appeared to indicate that he wants a say in the fate of his character. X

"[Dutton] needs to be proactive in w  fantasy how [the character's final arc] thing. I said as much to him a while b just have to see."

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Costner struck a more conciliatory n

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"No, [Sheridan and I] haven't [talked]," Costner said. "He's doing special work in a lot of different ways. He's very prolific about the things he does, and if he sees me in something that he wants to do, I'll look at it just the way I did *Yellowstone* and maybe we will end up doing something together. He likes a lot of the things that I like, and the idea of us working together is not out of the question for me. The subjects he chooses are very interesting to me. I like a lot of that stuff. *Yellowstone* stands as something that could continue. But that is a Taylor question. But other things that he's doing I think are really, really good. He likes the same subjects that I do."

## Kevin Costner shares his reasons for leaving *Yellowstone*

While Costner was feeling more hopeful about the future earlier in May, he came out with a more combative tone during his interview with [Deadline](#) on May 13, and he provided his side of the story for the first time.

"Well, I haven't felt good about it the last year, what with the way they've talked about it," Costner said. "It wasn't truthful. So now I'm talking about a little bit about what the real truth of it was. I made a contract for seasons five, six and seven. In February, after a two- or three-month negotiation, they made another contract. They wanted to redo that one, and instead of seasons six and seven, it was 5A and 5B, and maybe we'll do six. They weren't able to make those. *Horizon* was set in the middle, but *Yellowstone* was first position. I fit [*Horizon*] into the gaps. They just kept moving their gaps."

"I don't want to get down in the gutter with the *Yellowstone* thing but what I'm telling you is straight up," Costner said. "I have taken a beating from those f\*\*\*ing guys and I know a lot of times where it's coming from. I just elected not to get into that. But if you know me well enough, I made *Yellowstone* the first priority and to insinuate anything else would be wrong. I did r  were doing a tap dance and this poo don't know why they didn't stick up f

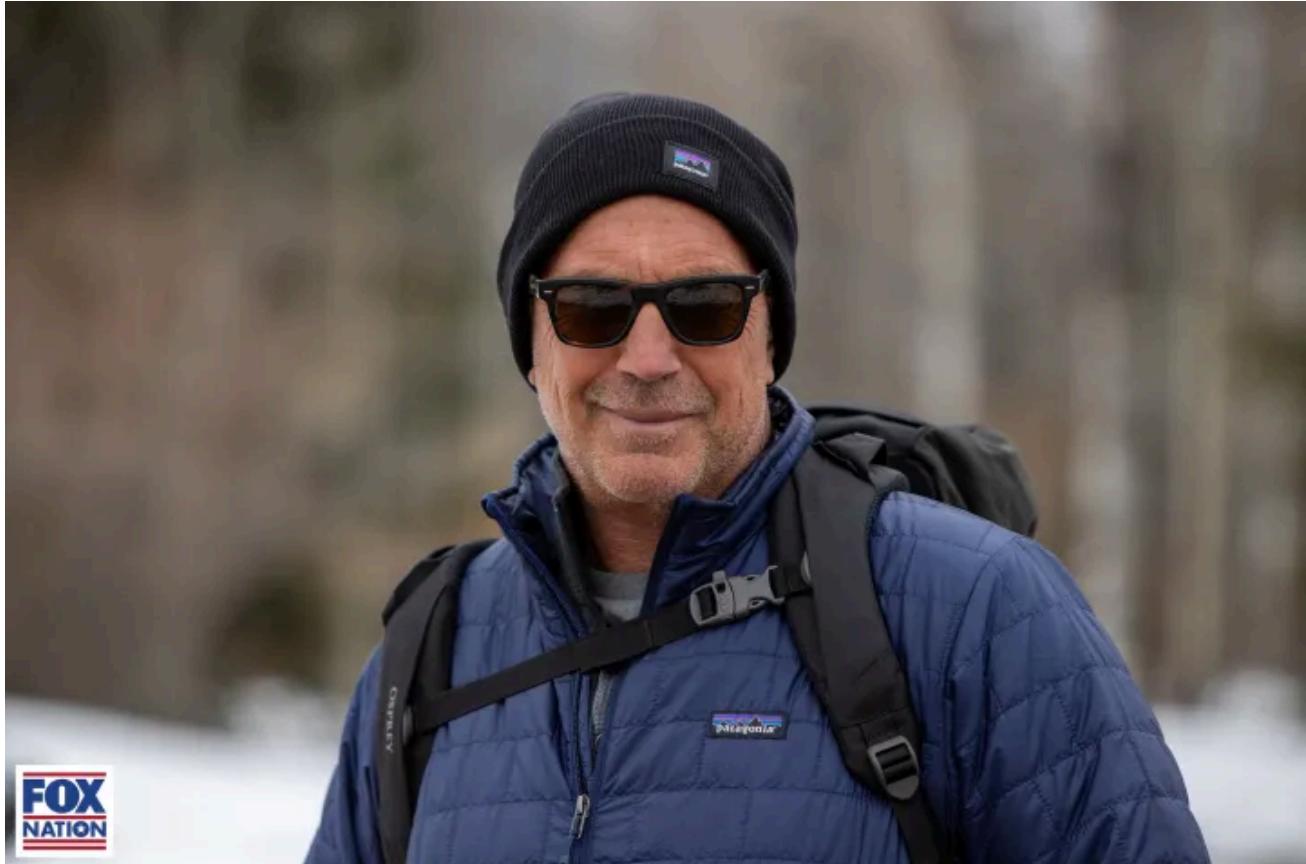
"I could say 'no comment' all the way life is fair game or that any questions will address it. They should have kno

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me to say something. I didn't have to answer the slings and arrows over the last year and a half, because I've just been busy working. They've been pretty slick about keeping their hands off; nobody was ever on the record."



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Costner also forcefully pushed back at the rumor that his commitments on *Horizon* kept him from shooting *Yellowstone*.

"That's not true," Costner said. "There were blocks of time that we didn't get 10 episodes done. Basically, we were starting in April and May, and we'd usually go through August. We'd do 10. We didn't even get 10 done during that time. I only worked 43 days. So that's bulls\*\*\*. That's a lie. That's not correct. They sent me away for seven days to go to London, to go to England during Covid, to do [promotion].  
They made the contract and they pic' [REDACTED]"



Costner also explained the origin of the title of *Yellowstone* season 5, part 2.

"They didn't have the scripts for any of the end was that I said, 'Well, look, I'm not because you want to kill me or whatever'

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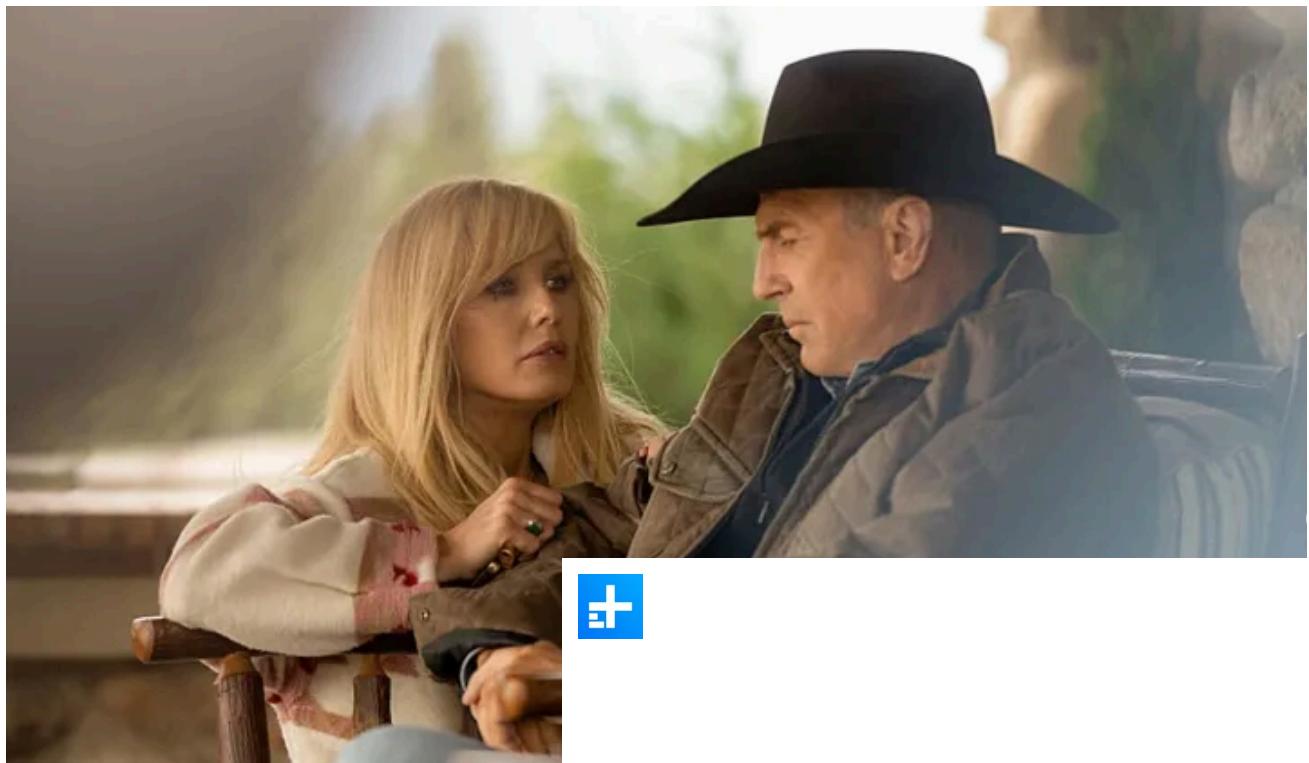
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have that week to give them, but I said, I'll do that. And then they [spun that] into, I only wanted to work a week."

"I'm usually working six or seven days per each, whatever they are," Costner said. "And they took that and a source on their side spun that into, well, he only wants to work a week for a whole season. Do you think that's who I am? I've never missed a day of work. I've never left before fulfilling my contractual obligations. A lot of times, I stay as much as I can. In fact, I worked the nine-day stretch just to try to help them in July, when I was starting [*Horizon*] on August 1. I worked a Saturday and Sunday for them, and they still needed four more days. I gave it to them, when I thought we were going to do this so-called B, but there was no B thing. I was just going to give 'em those extra four days."

Even during this interview, Costner left the door open for his return. But it certainly seems a lot less likely now.

## What will happen to John Dutton if Costner doesn't return?



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Sheridan had a very revealing quote  
Reporter in June 2023. He said that '

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character. It doesn't alter it, but it truncates it." This implies that John Dutton won't survive the end of *Yellowstone* even if Costner does reappear.

Via [ScreenRant](#), one of the theories regarding Dutton's fate is that he will meet his demise from colon cancer. During the first season, Dutton survived his first bout with that illness. If that's the way John Dutton dies, then it would bring his fate full circle.

## What do the other cast members think about Kevin Costner's exit?



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Luke Grimes, who plays John Dutton's youngest son, Kayce Dutton, recently shared his thoughts about Kevin Costner's apparent departure from the show. And he sounds largely supportive of Costner's decision.

"Whatever happened there is unfort  show was going to unfold," said Grimes. "I know, [Costner] got bus... At a certain point, you gotta do what

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# Ian Bohen has a bold prediction about the Yellowstone series finale



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While speaking with [Entertainment Tonight](#), *Yellowstone* co-star Ian Bohen revealed that he hasn't seen any of the scripts from the final episodes yet, but he is aware of where the story is going. He also dropped a very bold prediction about the series finale.

"[The fans] are going to get the [best] conclusion that could possibly be written," Bohen said. "Everything will land in a way that is perfectly set. A lot of shows just kind of finish... and they don't satisfy you. This will be completed in a way that it will make sense."

"I don't know that any show has finished this strongly ever," Bohen added. "We're expecting to have the best series finale in history. Overconfident maybe, but I think that's what it's going to be. We thank  wait, I promise."

Bohen also indicated that he expects production in May, but it could also be

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# Will the spinoff series serve as Yellowstone season 6?



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That is the general idea that Paramount Network sold to fans when the end of *Yellowstone* was announced. However, a report on [Puck](#) states that three of the show's principal cast members, Kelly Reilly, Cole Hauser, and Luke Grimes, are in a pay dispute with Paramount Network because they want significant raises to reprise their respective roles as Beth Dutton, Rip Wheeler, and Kayce Dutton.

The report also indicates that those cast members have to be paid for [Yellowstone season 6](#) even though it won't be produced. That was a provision in their contracts for the previous series. There's no indication yet whether the actors and Paramount Network have come to terms. If they don't re-sign with the new show, then the spinoff series will lose key characters who could have been the bridge to the future of the franchise. X



## Cole Hauser and Kelly returns in Yellowstone

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*Yellowstone* season 5, part 2, may not be the last time fans see Rip and Beth. In an April 2024 interview with [Country Living](#), Hauser explained his focus is on finishing the final episodes of the series. Hauser then hinted that there could be a future for Rip and Beth in future *Yellowstone* iterations.

"I'm so focused on finishing *Yellowstone* the way it needs to be finished right now — well, just the show itself," Hauser said. "We'll see where that leads, but I know that there's some stuff on the horizon when it comes to Taylor's ideas for Kelly Reilly, myself, and some of the other cast. I'm excited to see where he goes creatively with that, but right now it's just, let's finish strong; let's do the best we can."

Reilly shared a similar viewpoint about the spinoff in a March 2024 interview with [Collider](#). Once again, the goal for Reilly is to finish *Yellowstone* on a high note. However, Reilly did not close the door on appearing in the spinoff. X

"I just care about finishing [the main ] as much love as I can muster to put sort of prepping for that now, [and] to most. And what goes on beyond that everything you read. It's just nonsense. I don't have an answer right now. But

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## Which Dutton will survive: Jamie or Beth?



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The first half of *Yellowstone* season 5 featured the complete deterioration of the relationship between Beth and her adoptive brother – who doubles as the black sheep of the family – Jamie Dutton (Wes Bentley). Beth and Jamie even openly contemplated murdering each other in a struggle that may destroy the Duttons. That is one of the big unresolved plotlines heading into the second half of the season.

Note that Bently's name was not mentioned in Puck's report about *Yellowstone* cast members seeking a raise for the spinoff series. If there's any veracity to that story, it may mean that Jamie isn't going to make it out of *Yellowstone* season 5, part 2. That doesn't necessarily mean that Jamie will die, it could also mean incarceration or exile from his family. For now, we can only speculate.



**Will Matthew McConaughey return to Yellowstone season 5?**

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If Sheridan wanted to follow the established model for TV spinoffs, Matthew McConaughey's new character from the upcoming spinoff would be introduced in *Yellowstone* season 5, part 2. The only problem with that idea is that there's no official report that McConaughey has even signed on for the spinoff.

McConaughey's name has been mentioned in conjunction with the spinoff since February 2023. Since that time, all of the Hollywood trades have simply said that McConaughey is in talks to lead the spinoff. So it's just talk until McConaughey actually signs on the dotted line. For now, there's no indication that he has.

## How many episodes of *Yellowstone* are left?



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Originally, only six episodes were planned to conclude the series. But Sheridan told [THR](#) in 2023 that he has the leeway to change that, if he chooses to. "If I think it takes 10 episodes to wrap it up, they'll give me 10," said Sheridan. "It'll be as long as it needs to be."

## When will Yellowstone season 5, part 2 begin filming?



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Via [The Wrap](#), *Yellowstone* season 5, part 2 has officially begun filming after a nearly two-year hiatus. As with the previous seasons, production is on-location in Montana. Notably absent from the news was any word about Kevin Costner returning to the show. Now that cameras are rolling again, it's looking increasingly unlikely that Costner will return, barring some last minute deal.

The current production schedule means that *Yellowstone* season 5, part 2 will be able to make its premiere window later this year.

## Will we see more of young John Dutton in *Yellowstone* season 5, part 2?



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While it's still unknown whether or not Kevin Costner will return, John Dutton will be popping up in season 5, part 2. Josh Lucas, the actor who plays a younger version of Costner's character, [told Deadline on March 14](#) that he will return as the character for the final season of the show.

**"I think we're going to do 10 or more so episodes" : Josh Lucas reveals of the final season of #YellowstoneTV**  
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— Deadline (@DEADLINE) March 15, 2024

The actor revealed that part 2 will be "10 episodes or so," which, while still vague, does narrow it down a bit in terms of how many times we'll see the Dutton clan this season.

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