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Discovery Rings in the Holidays with New Episodes of Viewer Favourites and Complete Season Marathons, Beginning December 24

– Stay home for the holidays with nine straight days of from Discovery’s top-rated titles including HIGHWAY THRU HELL, GOLD RUSH, CANADA’S WORST DRIVER, FRONTIER, ALASKA: THE LAST FRONTIER, and more! –

TORONTO (December 9, 2016) – As the halls are decked this holiday season, Discovery – Canada’s most-watched entertainment specialty network – today announced a nine-day holiday programming slate full of new episodes from the network’s most-loved programs, including complete seasons and multi-episode marathons beginning Christmas Eve through New Year’s Day (Saturday, Dec. 24 – Sunday, Jan. 1).

“Over the holidays, we invite our viewers to catch up on some of Discovery’s top series,” said Ken MacDonald, General Manager and Vice President, Discovery. “While most traditional television schedules take a break over the holiday season, we are proud to offer our viewers a stellar marathon lineup of fan-favourites series, many of which are homegrown Canadian hit programs – the underpinning of our primetime schedule.”

The can’t-miss holiday season schedule features programming from Discovery’s top-rated original Canadian series, including CANADA’S WORST DRIVER (Dec. 26), HIGHWAY THRU HELL (Dec. 30), and back-to-back episodes of Discovery’s hit original Canadian scripted drama FRONTIER (Dec. 28-30). But first, on Christmas Day (Dec. 25), Discovery invites viewers to spend a full day living off the grid with the Kilchers during a complete season of Discovery’s Top 5
series ALASKA: THE LAST FRONTIER, beginning at 10 a.m. ET leading into the series’ holiday premiere special at 10 p.m. ET. Then, viewers can take in Discovery monster hit series GOLD RUSH (Dec. 27) and MOONSHINERS (Dec. 28)…because nothing says yuletide cheer like gold and spirits!

Discovery closes its banner year with a marathon encore presentation of HARLEY & THE DAVIDSONS, airing Saturday, Dec. 31 beginning at 12 noon ET, before welcoming 2017 with a Season 3 marathon of ALASKAN BUSH PEOPLE on Sunday, Jan. 1 beginning at 12 noon ET.

Numeris’ 2016 year-end data to-date confirms that Discovery is the most-watch Canadian entertainment specialty network in core primetime among total viewers, A18-49, and A25-54. Discovery also claims half of the Top 10 most-watched series on entertainment specialty television with HIGHWAY THRU HELL (# 1), GOLD RUSH (# 2), CANADA’S WORST DRIVER (# 3), FRONTIER (# 5), and ALASKA: LAST FRONTIER (# 9).

Viewers can also enjoy holiday programming on Discovery’s sister channel Animal Planet. Click here for details on marathons and holiday specials throughout the festive season on Animal Planet, available now in Free Preview.

Combined viewing on all four of Discovery’s suite of networks – Animal Planet, Discovery Velocity, Discovery Science, and Investigation Discovery – has increased by 14% this broadcast year-to-date.

Below is a complete chronological listing of Discovery’s 2016 holiday highlights (all times ET; visit Discovery.ca to confirm local broadcast times; programming subject to change):

Saturday, Dec. 24

**FANTOMWORKS** – Season 3 Marathon

12 noon – 2 a.m.

Few people possess more zeal for returning neglected cars to their original condition than Dan Short, owner of the East Coast’s largest automotive restoration shop, FantomWorks. Dan is a dedicated expert who applies the qualities he learned as a Green Beret – accountability, teamwork, motivation, decisiveness, trustworthiness, and intelligence – to thoroughly manage his no-nonsense business.

Sunday, Dec. 25

**ALASKA: THE LAST FRONTIER** – Season 5 Marathon

10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Grammy® award-winning singer Jewel Kilcher – better known as Jewel – grew up in Homer, Alaska’s rich heritage of homesteading. The Kilcher family has cultivated and inhabited their
Alaskan homestead for generations, learning how to live off the land, hunt for food, and survive the harsh Alaskan wilderness. After nearly seven years away, Jewel rejoins her family on the homestead and give her young son a taste of how she grew up. Prior to Jewel’s return, Mother Nature challenges the Kilcher family when a 7.1 magnitude earthquake hits, shaking the homestead to its core. In the wake of the natural disaster, the Kilchers scramble to recover, facing widespread damage in the form of dangerous landslides, muddy road collapses, and deadly gale force winds. With their way of life at risk, the Kilchers must learn to adapt to this harsh new reality.

**ALASKA: THE LAST FRONTIER** – Premiere Holiday Special

9 p.m.

Description currently unavailable. Please check [Discovery.ca](https://www.discovery.ca) for updates.

**EDGE OF ALASKA** – Season 2 – New Episode

10 p.m.

Hidden deep in the wilderness of eastern Alaska is the toughest town in America: McCarthy. Once considered the state’s very own “Sin City”, McCarthy is now an isolated town – surrounded by extreme wilderness, it’s a refuge for people who don’t want to be found. While some believe in continuing the town’s frontier way of life, others feel the future of McCarthy depends on dragging itself into the modern age.

**Monday, Dec. 26**

**CANADA’S WORST DRIVER** – Season 12 Marathon

1 – 9 p.m.

Notable host, creative producer, and writer, Andrew Younghusband is back at the Driver Rehabilitation Centre in Dunnville, Ont., for Season 12 of **CANADA’S WORST DRIVER**, as eight disastrous Canadian drivers take on various challenges behind the wheel. This year’s reckless and irresponsible drivers hail from Winnipeg, Edmonton, Hamilton, Ont., Kitchener, Ont., and beyond. Week by week, one driver will graduate, with the final episode featuring the last three drivers facing the ultimate showdown before one is ultimately crowned Season 12’s Worst Driver.

**TOUGHER THAN IT LOOKS?** – Season 1 Marathon

9 p.m.– 4 a.m.

From the makers of **CANADA’S WORST DRIVER**, **TOUGHER THAN IT LOOKS?** also stars Younghusband as he delves into the toughest jobs, tackling terrifying heights, extreme sports, small
spaces, and strange hobbies. Shot in ultra-vivid 4K UHD, each 30-minute episode finds Younghusband on a wildly different experience with minimal training, including working as a window cleaner on a dauntingly high skyscraper, wing walking on a bi-plane in mid-air, barefoot water skiing, setting world records, and even racing lawn mowers. Nothing is too scary – or too obscure – for Younghusband to try… at least once.

**Tuesday, Dec. 27**

**GOLD RUSH** – Season 7 Marathon

12 noon – 12 Midnight

Gold mining is a risky business where one wrong move can cost a crew millions of dollars. As another Klondike winter thaws, this season miners Parker Schnabel, Tony Beets, and Todd Hoffman take on even greater risks in hopes of finding more gold than ever before. But not every gamble pans out….

**GOLD RUSH** – New Episode

9 p.m.

Tony Beets breaks records with the biggest gold haul in series history, *Parker* Schnabel struggles to save his wash-plant, and Todd Hoffman finally strikes gold after seven weeks at the Buckland.

**Wednesday, Dec. 28**

**GOLD RUSH** – Season 7 Marathon

12 midnight – 12 noon

See description above.

**MOONSHINERS** – Season 6 Marathon

4 – 10 p.m.

America’s original rebel tastemakers, moonshiners are fiercely loyal to the traditions and history of those who came before them. Willing to risk it all to keep these traditions alive, moonshiners keep pushing their techniques into the future to create the groundbreaking spirits they have become famous for. This season, the moonshiners advance the craft to new heights. Starting with techniques honed over generations, they revolutionize their craft with new artisanal recipes, expanded networks of contacts, and new innovative equipment. With the law looming around every corner and rival shiners vying for territory, it’s a race against time to brew the very best and strike it rich.

**MOONSHINERS** – New Episodes!
7 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Description currently unavailable. Please check Discovery.ca for updates.

MOONSHINERS – Holiday Special Premiere
9 p.m.
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FRONTIER – Episodes 1 & 2
10 p.m.–12 Midnight
Ambitiously cinematic in scope, Discovery Canada’s first-ever scripted series shot entirely in stunning 4K UHD follows the chaotic and violent struggle to control wealth and power in the North American fur trade of the late 18th century. The series premiere sees Michael Smyth (Landon Liborion) land in the New World on an HBC ship and is ordered by Lord Bention (Alun Armstrong) to venture into the Frontier in search for fur trader Declan Harp (Jason Momoa), the man responsible for the murder of Benton’s soldiers at a remote outpost. Then in Episode 2, Douglas Brown (Allan Hawco) and Malcolm Brown (Michael Patric) negotiate a loan with wealthy Samuel Grant (Shawn Doyle), while their brother Cedric Brown (Stephen Lord) kidnaps a Lake Walker boy as trade leverage, setting off a deadly chain of events in the Bay. Smyth is then forced to choose a side, Grace Emberly (Zoe Boyle) takes a big risk that puts her in Lord Benton’s crosshairs, and Harp makes a promise to the Lake Walkers.

Thursday, Dec. 29
BERING SEA GOLD – Season 5 Marathon
8 a.m.–4 p.m.
The winters are harsh in Nome, Alaska, a frontier town in a world where few curiosities remain. There’s a new kind of gold rush going on here, and it’s unlike any other. BERING SEA GOLD follows daring gold miners who set their sights on gold far beneath 1.2 metres of solid ice on the Bering Sea floor. Fierce conditions won’t deter these gold-hungry men and women from finding fortune.

DEADLIEST CATCH: DUNGEON COVE – Season 1 Marathon
4 – 10 p.m.
Thousands of vessels and lives have been lost while battling the seas in what is considered the deadliest commercial fishery in the world. The Oregon coast bursts with life, but also a labyrinth of sandbars and currents. DEADLIEST CATCH: DUNGEON COVE goes aboard the vessels
navigating a stretch of sea that churns up massive waves and unpredictable conditions. But what is it like for those left behind?

**FRONTIER – Episodes 3 & 4**

10 p.m.–12 midnight

After an unprovoked attack on their camp, Machk (Raoul Max Trujillo) leads to the Lake Walkers to retaliate against the Brown Brothers. Meanwhile, Declan Harp sets out to find the truth while tensions increase. Michael Smyth learns about Harp’s past from Sokanon (Jessica Matten), and Samuel Grant makes a ruthless move to sideline the Brown Brothers. Then in Episode 4, an unexpected arrival to Fort James puts Lord Benton and Chesterfield on edge. Grace Emberly conspires to rid herself of a problem, and Smyth is shocked when he sees someone from his past in the Bay, putting Harp in a compromising position.

**Friday, Dec. 30**

**HIGHWAY THRU HELL – Season 5 Marathon**

8 a.m.–9 p.m.

The heroes of the highway are back as they fight to keep some of the most economically important, travelled, and inhospitable trucking routes in North America open during Season 5 of **HIGHWAY THRU HELL**. A Top 3 series on Discovery and Top 10 series on all of entertainment specialty television in Canada last season, the original Canadian hit series follows the men of Jamie Davis Heavy Rescue as Davis faces the biggest changes and challenges in his life: downsizing his Alberta operation as a result of the economic downturn and returning to his B.C. mountain base roots.

**HEAVY RESCUE: 401 – Episode Sneak Peek Premiere**

9 p.m.

From the makers of Discovery’s top-rated series **HIGHWAY THRU HELL**, new original Canadian series **HEAVY RESCUE: 401** takes on the many twists and turns of the men and women who keep roads safe across Southern Ontario’s 400-series highways. Before the action-packed new series comes to the Discovery schedule **Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 10 p.m. ET**, Canada’s most-watched entertainment specialty network is offering viewers a brand-new, full-episode sneak peek on **Friday, Dec. 30 at 11 p.m. **HEAVY RESCUE: 401** follows major tow truck operations, police, and maintenance crews as they deal with diverse challenges, including those on the busiest highway in North America, the 401.

**FRONTIER – Episodes 5 & 6**
10 p.m.–12 midnight

In Episode 5 of FRONTIER Captain Johnson (Charles Aitken) closes in on Lord Benton and the Fort is reinforced with soliders as Declan Harp and Lord Benton come face-to-face. At last Grace Emberly makes a move to control Chesterfield, while Michael Smyth fights for his life. The season finale see Fort James explode into chaos when Michael Smyth and Sokanon conspire to free Harp from Lord Benton’s grip.

Saturday, Dec. 31

HARLEY & THE DAVIDSONS – Full Three-Part Miniseries

12 noon- 6 p.m.

The scripted, three-part miniseries drama is based on the true story of Milwaukee schoolyard pals William Harley and Arthur Davidson as they built and rode the now iconic two-wheel mechanical marvels. The miniseries looks back at how the founders grew their loyal following – whether it was securing an American Army contract, teaching riders how to make repairs on the field, or embracing boisterous motorcycle clubs across the nation. The duo eventually channelled all their resources to create the world’s first superbike, a state-of-the-art racing machine for the masses.

Sunday, Jan. 1

ALASKAN BUSH PEOPLE – Season 3 Marathon

12 noon – 12 midnight

Deep in the Alaskan wilderness lives a newly discovered family who was born and raised wild. Billy Brown, his wife Ami, and their seven grown children – five boys and two girls – are so far removed from civilization they often go six to nine months of the year without seeing an outsider. They’ve developed their own accent and dialect, refer to themselves as a “wolf pack”, and sleep together in a one-room cabin. Simply put, they are unlike any other family in America.

ALASKAN BUSH PEOPLE – Premiere Holiday Special

10 p.m.

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