



# DECEMBER 2009 PREMIERE HIGHLIGHTS

**\*\*\* DON'T MISS PREMIERES \*\*\***

## **BURN UP**

*Part 1: Sunday, December 6 at 9pm ET*

*Part 2: Monday, December 7 at 9pm ET*

*\*\*Please note – part one will encore on Monday December 7 at 7PM ET on Planet Green leading into the premiere of part two on Monday December 7 at 9PM ET.*

Featuring Bradley Whitford, Neve Campbell and Rupert Penry-Jones, **Burn Up** follows best friends Tom, an up-and-coming oilman and Mack, a top oil lobbyist calling the shots in Washington who find themselves suddenly at odds when Holly, an environmental activist, infiltrates Tom’s company. She opens Tom’s eyes to a world where the end may be near, and both sides - those fighting climate change and those determined to get rich off the status quo - are willing to kill and be killed. Tom, Mack, and Holly must all decide where their loyalties lie, and how far they are willing to go in order to win.

## **LIVING WITH ED**

*Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. ET*

*Living With Ed* chronicles the day to day, eco-friendly adventures of actor Ed Begley, Jr. and his wife Rachelle, as they navigate life in Los Angeles with Ed always trying to leave the smallest possible carbon footprint in his wake. This season follows the dynamic couple as they embark on exploits including an unlikely trip to Vegas (yes, Ed in Vegas), a wedding anniversary getaway only Ed could organize and a major home renovation not to be missed. Other new features this season include an “On the Road with Ed” video diary and a host of new companion elements on PlanetGreen.com including original webisodes with Ed and Rachelle, blogs and special interactive events.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Episode Premiere ‘Veto Power’ Wednesday, December 2 9:00 PM (ET)</b></p>	<p>Ed busts Rachelle for wasting water for the umpteenth time using his new web-based monitoring system. He decides to install an elaborate grey water system to make sure she complies once and for all. Rachelle has had enough and escapes to an eco-salon with her gal pals for some long overdue pampering. Meanwhile, Ed continues to flex his muscle as “water cop” by showing Hayden how to raise money for charity with a water-free car wash. Rachelle returns home relaxed until she gets a birthday surprise from Ed.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Episode Premiere ‘Ed’s Big Birthday Bash’ Wednesday, December 9 9:00 PM (ET)</b></p>	<p>Ed is giddy about his new wind turbine, but he can’t tinker with it because his schedule is booked with speeches. Because he is so busy Ed wants to take it easy for his sixtieth birthday; but while Ed is away, Rachelle plans</p>

	<p>a surprise birthday party with 300 of the Begleys' closest friends, including the "Governator" of California, Arnold Schwarzenegger. Rachelle doesn't waste any time and meets with professional cake artists, and she and Hayden proceed to gorge themselves on samples while trying to make a decision. Next, she invites a caterer over to discuss birthday food for Ed (who is a vegan) and discovers that vegan taste testing is not nearly as fun as cake tasting. Meanwhile, Ed is oblivious to the surprise and gets right back on the turbine project, stopping by Jay Leno's garage to show off his massive turbine. Ed shows up at the skating rink ready for little family time, only to be surprised by a huge star-studded party in his honor.</p>
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**FOCUS EARTH WITH BOB WOODRUFF**

**Focus Earth: Copenhagen Special**

*Saturday, December 19 at 7pm (ET)*

ABC News anchor Bob Woodruff hosts Planet Green's *Focus Earth With Bob Woodruff* featuring green news and events. Each week, Woodruff covers a variety of subjects ranging from climate impact and environmental policy to political debate and world events. The series includes studio-based roundtable discussions, feature stories, and lively debates, making it the one-stop destination for a deeper perspective on the environment. The program draws upon the global resources of ABC News and its reporting team around the world.

**\*\*\* PLANET GREEN'S REEL IMPACT PREMIERES \*\*\***

**U.S. PREMIERE**

**BLACK WAVE: THE LEGACY OF EXXON VALDEZ**

*Premieres Saturday, December 5 at 8:00pm (ET)*

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1989, the supertanker Exxon Valdez ran aground in Prince William Sound dumping millions of gallons of crude oil into a previously pristine environmental area making it the biggest environmental catastrophe in North American history. Instantly the world was captivated by the dramatic photos of black oil covering animals and beaches, which forced Exxon to launch a spectacular clean-up operation paired with an unprecedented public relations campaign. Only when the journalists had gone home and the public focused on the latest scandal did the long term effects of this environmental disaster become apparent. Birds, fish and mammals will eat contaminated food for years to come while certain species, like herring, will never recover, creating a permanent economic crisis for the fisherman of the Sound.

Director/writer/producer Robert Cornellier follows Rick Ott and the fisherman of the little town of Cordova, Alaska as they wage the longest legal battle in U.S. history against the worlds most powerful oil company, ExxonMobil. They are searching for ways to rebuild their lives and seek to find out if corporate values have trumped basic human rights.

**NETWORK PREMIERE**

**INHERITANCE: A FISHERMAN'S STORY**

*Premieres Saturday, December 12 at 8:00pm (ET)*

When a dam burst at a Romanian goldmine in early 2000, more than 100,000 tons of cyanide was released into the Tisza River, devastating its ecology as well as the livelihoods of fisherman in neighboring Hungary and creating Central Europe's worst ecological disaster since Chernobyl.

*Inheritance: A Fisherman's Story* follows fisherman Balazs Meszaros as he struggles with the effects of the disaster on his own community. He attempts to confront the corporate forces behind the mining operation in an effort to prevent a similar disaster from happening in the future.

Filmmaker Peter Hegedus captures this quiet fisherman's profound transformation into a man who stands alone against huge multinational corporations to expose the environmental and human consequences of unregulated globalization.

**\*\*\* PLANET GREEN'S SPECIAL PROGRAMMING \*\*\***

**WORLD PREMIERE**

**BUFFALO BATTLE**

*Saturday, December 5 at 10pm (ET)*

A battle is raging on the great American plains. At the center of this conflict is the last herd of free roaming buffalo in the United States, located in the Yellowstone National Park. When the herd wanders outside of park boundaries following natural grazing instincts, it comes into contact with local cattle ranches and the troubles begin. Accused of infecting local livestock with a devastating disease called brucellosis, the embattled animals have a lone advocate -- The Buffalo Field Campaign. This diverse group of volunteers led by founder Mike Mease, comes from all walks of life. From a candle maker to a survival skills instructor to a car salesman, they are ordinary people who make up for their lack of wilderness experience with passion and determination. Working day and night, they patrol the Yellowstone border by ski and snowshoe in extreme conditions, coming face to face with danger at every turn, from temperamental buffalo to angry ranchers and government officials to jail time. They will risk everything, including their lives, to protect these animals from certain destruction for doing what they have done for hundreds of years: roaming freely. *Buffalo Battle* is produced for Planet Green by *Authentic Entertainment*.

**NETWORK PREMIERE**

**SMASH LAB**

*Tuesday at 8pm (ET)*

*Smash Lab* is an explosive adventure in engineering that uses science to solve real-world problems by putting ordinary objects to the test in extraordinary circumstances. A team of four experts test their ideas and skills by brainstorming - then building - contraptions to remedy a wide range of potential threats from highway safety to natural disasters.

<p><b>Episode Premiere</b>  <b>'Train Crash'</b>  <b>Tuesday, December 8</b>  <b>8:00 PM (ET)</b></p>	<p>Each year there are nearly 3000 incidents at railway crossings; that's an average of one accident every 3 hours. When an 8000-ton train hits a 2 ton car it's no contest; the car always loses. Using more extreme experimentation the Smash Lab team test an idea that could save hundreds of lives. They plan to use giant airbags mounted to a cow</p>
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	catcher on the front of a train to push the car safely out of harms way. The action is caught in exquisite high definition slo-mo.
<b>Episode Premiere 'High Rise Escape' Tuesday, December 15 8:00 PM (ET)</b>	Fires in buildings kill people every year. One way to improve the situation would be to reduce the time it takes for occupants to escape. The Smash Lab team's sky safety idea is to use rollercoaster technology to make things better. Roller coasters use amazing magnetic brakes devices with no moving parts but incredible stopping power. Could the magic magnets be used to make some kind of automatic vertical escape system?
<b>Episode Premiere 'Fireproof House' Tuesday, December 22 8:00 PM (ET)</b>	Forest fires endanger lives and property every year. Smash Lab sets out to see if Nanogel, a cutting edge insulating material, can protect a house from nature's mightiest infernos. Also known as 'frozen smoke' Nanogel is among the lightest and weirdest materials on Earth. Supplied in granular form, it's a solid that flows like water. How will it be used to protect a house? The result is a fire-proof blanket with almost unbelievable properties but before it can be seen to really work, the Smash Lab team has to come up with a way to throw the blanket over a building. And where do you get a tame forest fire?

### **WORLD PREMIERE**

#### **ULTIMATE POWER BUILDERS**

***Friday, December 11 at 10:00 p.m. ET***

*Ultimate Power Builders* defies all four basic elements (earth, air, fire, and water) to engineer big, ambitious and environmentally-friendly projects that will shape the Earth's landscape for future generations, while providing unlimited sources of energy. Watch as the construction of one mega-structure after another evolves, whether it's a carbon neutral city in the Middle East; a skyscraper in China which produces its own power and water; an energy plant that harnesses the power of the atom or a geothermal station that drills deep within the Earth to tap the extreme heat down below to operate. *Ultimate Power Builders* reveals how far technology will go to secure a sustainable existence for all. *Ultimate Power Builders* is a co-production of *Saint Thomas Productions* and Planet Green.

<b>Episode Premiere Friday, December 11 10:00 PM (ET)</b>
<b>Episode Premiere Friday, December 18</b>

<b>10:00 PM (ET)</b>
<b>Episode Premiere Friday, December 25 10:00 PM (ET)</b>

**WORLD PREMIERE**

**TOXIC FILES**

*Saturday, December 12 at 10pm (ET)*

An electrician from rural Delaware is struck with a searing headache, blurred vision and dizziness. His life begins to unravel as the symptoms get increasingly worse with passing time and he finds he is often confined to his bed, wracked with unexplainable pain. No one has a diagnosis for the source of his agony. A six-year-old is no longer able to sleep, battling epic bouts of insomnia and suddenly begins to lose hand control. Her parents' worst fear is that her leukemia is no longer in remission, but physicians soon dispel that conclusion and arrive at another; their daughter is being poisoned and they are the prime suspects. Two very separate cases with one common denominator: the environment. *Toxic Files* takes viewers inside a world of intrigue and shocking revelations as each medical mystery is unraveled symptom by symptom. *Toxic Files* is produced by *Atlas Media*.

**NETWORK PREMIERE**

**WILD PACIFIC**

*Sunday, at 8pm (ET)*

The Wild Pacific, an ocean with 10,000 islands but 99 percent of it is water, is a place of extremes - from clear tropical waters and birds of paradise to icebergs, penguins, and raging storms. Wild Pacific is the story of the constant volcanic eruptions that formed the Pacific's islands, lagoons, and reefs, and the hardy survivors who somehow managed to find their way across a vast, mostly empty ocean. Once there they adapted to a life of extreme isolation in bizarre and surprising ways -- from forest penguins and carnivorous caterpillars to the great diversity of fish that call the coral reefs and kelp forests home. And it is the story of the people that live there -- the Pacific voyagers who colonized, survived, and adapted in much the same way. Finally, Wild Pacific examines the future of this ocean, and man's complicated relationship with it. All episodes are narrated by Mike Rowe.

<b>Episode Premiere 'Fiery Birth' Sunday, December 13 8:00 PM (ET)</b>	The violent birth of an atoll and its subsequent struggle for survival is a remarkable natural drama: eruptions, black smokers, fields of rocks that float on water and then the battle to build a reef. Stunning time-lapse and aerial shots take you on a journey across time to witness the rising of new lands. However, it's the creatures which make these islands their home that prove nature is stranger than fiction. In the Solomons, there are birds that use volcanic heat to incubate their eggs, while in Hawaii a snow capped peak houses a vampire bug with antifreeze in its veins.
<b>Episode Premiere 'Survivors'</b>	Remote and volcanic, the islands of the Pacific are some of the most isolated places on Earth.

<p align="center"><b>Sunday, December 13 9:00 PM (ET)</b></p>	<p>But they are also home to a remarkable diversity of life. Who are these island castaways? And how did they get there?</p>
<p align="center"><b>Episode Premiere 'Eat or Be Eaten' Sunday, December 20 8:00 PM (ET)</b></p>	<p>Larger than all the world's land masses combined, the Pacific is the vastest ocean on Earth. This seemingly endless blue water is a remote wilderness, home to the deepest point in the entire world's oceans, and containing half the world's water. Like a vast marine desert, much of these waters lack the basic nutrients needed to fuel life. Many animals living here must go to extraordinary lengths to find food and mates. From deep-diving sperm whales to giant turtles, from penguins to ocean-voyaging sharks, the Pacific Ocean is home to creatures like no other.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Episode Premiere 'Strange Evolution' Sunday, December 20 9:00 PM (ET)</b></p>	<p>Carnivorous caterpillars and tree kangaroos are just two of the unlikely animals that have evolved on and around the islands in the vast Pacific. These isolated specks of land have become home to creatures of bizarre shapes, sizes and behaviors.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Episode Premiere 'Fragile Paradise' Sunday, December 27 8:00 PM (ET)</b></p>	<p>We think of the Pacific as a paradise of tropical islands, but it is a fragile paradise. The always precarious balance of life is further threatened by climate change, overfishing, and man's increasing influence. These remote atolls are no longer out of sight or out of mind. An upsurge in tourism is a double-edged sword which requires increased vigilance to protect increasingly scarce resources. As the Pacific is the first to feel the heat of environmental disaster, it's also a hotbed for the innovations most likely to avert a global catastrophe.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Episode Premiere 'Making Wild Pacific' Sunday, December 27 9:00 PM (ET)</b></p>	<p>A look at the cutting edge technology, years of effort, and surprising stories that went in to making Wild Pacific.</p>

**NETWORK PREMIERE**  
**I SHOULDN'T BE ALIVE**

**Monday at 10pm (ET)**

Why does one person live against all the odds and another die? Stories of human survival lock into our most basic instincts and tell so much about the human condition. This series focuses on the moral dilemmas, crucial moments, chance events and life-or-death decisions of survivors. Watching the series, the question remains: 'Would I have survived in the same situation?'

<p><b>Episode Premiere</b> <b>'Jaws of Death'</b> <b>Monday, December 14</b> <b>10:00 PM (ET)</b></p>	<p>Conservationist Greg Rasmussen crashes his micro light whilst tracking rhino in a Zimbabwean national park. Smashed and broken, Greg's survival skills keep him alive through blisteringly hot days and freezing cold nights - terrorized by stampeding elephants, stalked by a lioness protecting her cubs and preyed upon by hyenas. His colleague Peter is told that a search effort is hopeless in this most hostile environment, but he refuses to give up.</p>
<p><b>Episode Premiere</b> <b>'Trapped Under a Boulder'</b> <b>Tuesday, December 21</b> <b>10:00 PM (ET)</b></p>	<p>Australian hiker and environmentalist Warren MacDonald heads for remote Hinchinbrook Island off the Queensland coast of Australia. He is in search of solitude and plans an easy hike around a coastal trail. But when he meets Geert Van Keulen on a deserted beach, the Dutchman soon persuades the adventurous Warren to join him on an ascent of the island's highest peak, Mount Bowen. When a one ton slab of granite shears away from a rock face pinning Warren to the bed of a rising creek, Geert faces a break-neck race against time to bring help for his new-found friend.</p>

**\*\*\*DON'T MISS RETURNING SERIES PROGRAMMING\*\*\***

**EMERIL GREEN**

**Monday at 8pm (ET)**

*Emeril Green*, hosted by Chef Emeril Lagasse, helps real people solve cooking problems by utilizing fresh and organic sources of food to promote a healthier lifestyle. Many of the meals prepared on the show support sustainable fare by choosing ingredients from local sources and fair trade options. Shot mainly on location at Whole Foods Market®, Lagasse works with everyday cooks who have real culinary challenges.

<p><b>Episode Premiere</b> <b>'Food for Life'</b> <b>Monday, December 14</b> <b>8:00 PM (ET)</b></p>	<p>Tammy has survived breast cancer and wants to do all that she can to remain cancer-free. Her husband Will has lost 30 pounds and is trying hard to keep the weight off. In order for them to adhere to a healthy diet, it's important to keep mealtime exciting and include as many whole grains, veggies and lean proteins as possible. Colleen Doyle, a nutritionist from the American Cancer Society, provides advice</p>
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	about which fruits and veggies are known for their cancer fighting qualities.
<p align="center"><b>Episode Premiere</b>  <b>'Gettin' Kinda Saucy'</b>  <b>Monday, December 21</b>  <b>8:30 PM (ET)</b></p>	A good sauce is the key to many dishes. Chef Emeril helps Gail master the fundamentals of creating the perfect sauce. Together they will create a classic salad dressing, a vegetable puree and even healthy gravy.

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**RENOVATION NATION**

*Friday at 8pm (ET)*

Emmy® Award winning host Steve Thomas takes viewers into the exciting world of eco friendly homes on the captivating second season of *Renovation Nation*. Once again, Steve visits renovation sites across the country and meets eco-sensitive homeowners who are making the choice to be environmentally aware. Steve leads the way as he introduces the audience to new and exciting sustainable building materials, technology, techniques and products for the home. Whether it's exploring the latest designs with homeowners to the most innovative technology, Steve brings out the best in home renovations while enjoying the forward-thinking people who are making them a reality.

<p align="center"><b>Episode Premiere</b>  <b>'St. Paul, MN:</b>  <b>Family Affair'</b>  <b>Friday, December 4</b>  <b>8:00 PM (ET)</b></p>	Host Steve Thomas is in St. Paul, MN where he helps build a bike garage from structural insulated panels. The designer, whose relatives make green building a family affair, lends a hand putting up the garage and adding a soy-based stain to the new home's basement floor. Later, Steve will help an Alexandria, VA, couple renovate their first house by installing radiant floor heating and a sun tube for natural light.
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**TOTAL WRECKLAMATION SPECIAL**

*Saturday at 6pm (ET)*



When a home faces extinction, what happens to all of the materials that make up that home? Enter Jodi Murphy – green entrepreneur, demolition auctioneer and force of nature. Once a house is slated to come down or be gutted, Jodi makes it her business – literally – to save as much of its contents and materials as possible from ending up in the landfill. Each year, thousands of homes are demolished and hauled off to landfills where construction and demolition debris accounts for more than 20% of all solid waste.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Episode Premiere ‘Saving Green’ Saturday, December 5 6:00 PM (ET)</b></p>	<p>The “Queen of Green” Jodi Murphy has more on her plate now than ever before! The first order of business is auctioning off materials for reuse from a stunning remodel in Hinsdale. On auction day, the competition gets heated when over a hundred bidders scour the house with plans to make its prized items their own. But the auction is only the beginning of Jodi’s recycling efforts. Next, Jodi teams up with Habitat for Humanity to build the first ever Habitat home with salvaged building materials. Her first Habitat mission is to find a kitchen, flooring, and lighting. The more materials she finds, the more cash Habitat saves, and the more homes they can build.</p>
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## HIGHLIGHTS NOTE:

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