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THE INVESTIGATIONS CONTINUE: ALL-NEW EPISODES OF ANIMAL PLANET'S FINDING BIGFOOT PREMIERE MARCH 31

- The Search for Sasquatch Returns to Animal Planet with Two-Hour Premiere Thursday, March 31, at 9 PM ET/PT -

(Silver Spring, Md.) – A man, a myth, a legend? Animal Planet's **FINDING BIGFOOT** investigates new theories and never-before-squatched locations as the bigfoot team, Bigfoot Field Research Organization (BFRO) president Matt Moneymaker, researchers James "Bobo" Fay and Cliff Barackman and skeptical scientist Ranae Holland, return with explorations so big they have to recruit family, friends and others to join the search parties. All-new episodes of **FINDING BIGFOOT** begin with a two-hour special airing **Thursday, March 31, at 9 PM ET/PT on Animal Planet.**

In the March 31 premiere, "Supernatural Bigfoot," the bigfoot team heads to North California to meet up with another group of bigfooters – the Supernatural Bigfoot Group – which believe the only explanation for the lack of physical evidence is that bigfoot must be beyond this world.

Other locations the **FINDING BIGFOOT** team will explore in all-new episodes include:

- **Southern Oregon:** Century-old legends of bigfoot have haunted the expansive Klamath Reservation in Southern Oregon. The team investigates this new location as unexplained lights mystify the team on the first night and leave them wondering if this could be connected to bigfoot.
- Mississippi: The team takes their first squatching trip to the Magnolia State after a local
 man sends them a video he claims to show a line of large footprints in the mud. They
 decide to follow a page out of his playbook and take the cameras into their own hands,
 personally filming their entire investigation in the swamplands in hopes of unearthing
 similar prints.

- **Arkansas:** There is a group known as the Fayetteville Freethinkers which challenge the belief that bigfoot is real and offer an \$80,000 home in the area to anyone who brings one in. The **FINDING BIGFOOT** team sets out to try to enlighten those who do not believe.
- **Tennessee:** The team is heading back to Tennessee with their sights on the bright lights of Nashville. They attend a sasquatch-based festival Squatchytonk and meet with country music singer Kasey Lansdale. Kasey accompanies the team out into the forest hoping to serenade some country-music-loving bigfoots.
- Appalachian Trail: In the two-hour season finale, the team tackles an area a little too squatchy for them to handle alone, so they recruit friends and family members to help: Matt Moneymaker is assisted by his son Leo; Ranae is joined by her cousin Laura; Cliff brings his brother Rob; and Bobo brings along Bud Gaugh his friend for over 20 years and former drummer for the band, Sublime.

FINDING BIGFOOT is produced for Animal Planet by Ping Pong Productions where Brad Kuhlman, Casey Brumels and Chad Hammel are executive producers. Keith Hoffman serves as executive producer with Sarah Russell as producer for Animal Planet.

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