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ANIMAL PLANET IS ON THE HUNT: SERIES EXPOSES NEW ENGLAND'S HIDDEN DANGERS AND HIGH RISKS IN NEW SEASON OF NORTH WOODS LAW

-- Elite Game Wardens of Maine are Back on Patrol in 10 All-new Episodes --

(Silver Spring, Md.) – Maine is a vast, beautiful state with more than 6,000 lakes and ponds, 3,400 miles of pristine coastline, 14,000 miles of wooded trails and hundreds of animal species. But, behind Maine's picturesque façade is a land full of hidden dangers and extreme risks, which require an elite force to protect its people and animals.

This fall, Animal Planet is embedded with the men and women who enforce the laws of the rugged, perilous and unpredictable side of Maine for 10 all-new episodes of **NORTH WOODS LAW**, beginning **Thursday**, **October 3**, **at 10 PM (ET/PT)**. The series follows 16 of the state's nearly 100 game wardens who must safeguard people and animals within the wilderness while enforcing general state law. Whether it's mounting search and rescue in extreme conditions, busting an illegal kennel that's breeding dangerous hybrid wolves or stopping intoxicated, armed drivers, each warden puts his life on the line for the citizens of Maine. Often, fatigue, broken bones and severe harm are one trail or traffic stop away.

With much of the state to cover, the wardens are often miles away from a call and unsure of the perils that await them when they reach their destinations. In this season of **NORTH WOODS LAW**, the wardens find themselves in the most intense situations yet. The following cases are just a sampling of what the force must face within the treacherous Maine woods:

- When a mysterious man leaves a suicide note in a cabin in the woods just a day after the Boston Marathon bombing, the wardens initiate an all-out manhunt with the hope of locating him before any harm can be done.
- The wardens receive a call about a series of devastating freak snowmobile accidents that have taken place overnight, leaving a trail of carnage and missing persons. The intense scene tests the force's search-and-rescue skills, and one misstep may mean total disaster when the mission takes the wardens into murky, ice-covered waters to search for survivors.
- A warden stumbles upon a baffling campsite in the middle of the woods that appears to have been hastily abandoned. An ATV, canoe and tent are all that remain, and the wardens must use all their experience and investigative skills to uncover the mystery of the disappearance. Have the missing campers vanished, taken ill or come to an untimely end?

With lives at risk, including their own, the wardens rise to each and every challenge in the most intense and thrilling season yet of **NORTH WOODS LAW**.

NORTH WOODS LAW is produced by Engel Entertainment. Mick Kaczorowski is the executive producer, and Kenitra Ford is the producer for Animal Planet. Steven Engel, Jessica Winchell Morsa and Devon Platte are the executive producers for Engel Entertainment.

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