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ANIMAL PLANET TO REEL IN RIVER MONSTERS FANS WITH FIRST-EVER LIVE AFTERSHOW ON APRIL 6 FOLLOWING TWO-HOUR SEASON PREMIERE

– Freshwater Detective and Biologist Jeremy Wade Sits Down for In-depth Q&A With Executive Producer Lisa Lucas to Answer Diehard Fan Questions –

-- Special to Begin on Television and Then Move Online Following the Season Premiere -

(March 24, 2014, New York) – For the very first time, Animal Planet will offer die-hard fans one-on-one access to **RIVER MONSTERS** host, Jeremy Wade, in a live special event. Wade returns to civilization to answer every burning question and give viewers intimate insight into the sixth season of the best-performing series in network history. The special **RIVER MONSTERS**: **LIVE WITH JEREMY WADE** will air **Sunday, April 6, at 11 PM (ET/PT)**, following the two-hour **RIVER MONSTERS** season premiere, "Amazon Apocalypse," which will air from **9-11 PM (ET/PT)**. This will be Animal Planet's first-ever live aftershow. The special will be moderated by Animal Planet's long-time **RIVER MONSTERS** executive producer, Lisa Lucas, and broadcast from the Knight Studio at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

Following the season premiere of **RIVER MONSTERS**, viewers will have the opportunity to interact with Jeremy during a live broadcast, submitting their questions on Twitter and Facebook. The live special will feature exclusive content, never-before-heard, behind-the-scenes stories and a fresh perspective into Animal Planet's most popular series. **RIVER MONSTERS: LIVE WITH JEREMY WADE** will broadcast live on Animal Planet from **11-11:30 PM (ET/PT)** and then will continue exclusively online at <u>AnimalPlanet.com</u> from **11:30 PM-12 AM (ET/PT)**.

Animal Planet's **RIVER MONSTERS** is a weekly murder mystery that follows Wade's worldwide search for harrowing stories of killer fish and his quest to prove if these freshwater mysteries are tall tales or frightening facts. Searching for a variety of aquatic attackers while navigating the globe's waterways, Wade has taken his life-long passion and turned it into a full-time career. Wade's **RIVER MONSTERS** quests have him diving and reeling in fascinating and mysterious creatures – all alleged man killers!

Agency. Matt Katzive and Christina Bavetta are executive producers and Mary Clare Baquet is the executive in charge of production. **RIVER MONSTERS** is a co-production of Icon Films and Animal Planet. Harry and Laura Marshall are the executive producers for Icon Films, and Andie Clare is the series producer. For Animal Planet, Lisa Lucas is the executive producer, and Patrick Keegan is the producer. **RIVER MONSTERS** is created by Charlie Foley, executive vice president of the Original Content Group and head of Animal Planet development.

The first four seasons of **RIVER MONSTERS** are available for purchase at <u>AnimalPlanetStore.com</u>. All five seasons are available for download at iTunes and Amazon Instant Video. Wade's book, <u>River Monsters: True Stories of the Ones that Didn't Get Away</u>, is in bookstores.

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