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Discovery Channel Primetime Spotlight

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SPOTLIGHT: UPCOMING PREMIERES/FINALES/SPECIALS

ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE special premieres on Tuesday, December 18 at 10PM ET/PT

Discovery Channel introduces a group of ordinary people prepping for a zombie takeover and examines the science behind this end-of-the-world. Zombie culture is prevalent and there's a core group of seemingly ordinary people prepping in the event that this event staggers out of fiction and becomes reality. As belief spreads throughout the science community, Ivy League professors and scientists speak out in this Discovery Channel special to describe the plausibility of this scenario.

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GOLD RUSH: BEHIND THE SCENES special premieres on Friday, December 21 at 9PM ET/PT

In this special, exclusive behind the scenes footage capturing the production of the first half of Gold Rush season 3 is revealed. Film crews battle the wilderness in Klondike and Alaska to film every twist and turn at the four mining operations.

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FROZEN PLANET: EDGE OF THE EARTH special premieres on Saturday, December 22 at 9PM ET/PT

Discovery Channel is revisiting FROZEN PLANET with an hour-long special featuring some of the best sequences from the 2011 documentary miniseries. The special, like the Emmy-winning series, is a co-production between Discovery Channel and the BBC and is narrated by David Attenborough. The refresher includes several memorable sequences including polar bears, penguins, narwhals, wolf clubs, the great gray owl and more.

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GOLD RUSH: THE DIRT special premieres on Friday, December 28 at 9PM ET/PT

Executive Producer Christo Doyle digs deeper into the personal lives of the miners while their wives offer up secrets about their early years. Also included is a special sneak peek of what's ahead in second half of the Gold Rush "Do or Die" season.

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HEROES OF HELL'S HIGHWAY series premieres on Saturday, December 29 at 8PM ET/PT followed by new episodes at 9PM ET/PT and 10PM ET/PT

8PM ET/PT – In Afghanistan, a decade-old war rages on. It is here where the Second Platoon of the 23rd Route Clearance Company is on a mission to blow up an enemy bomb, while the Third Platoon must use their massive, specialized vehicles to draw away enemy fire. But not everything goes as planned. One platoon is forced to spend a night exposed in enemy territory with incoming fire, while the other finds a buried explosive... the hard way.

9PM ET/PT – After the Blast: Both platoons of the 23rd Route Clearance Company are on the same mission: clear the way for British troops to raid an insurgent compound. The Second Platoon is struggling to recover from an IED blast from a previous mission, while the Third Platoon must clear a landing zone under the cover of darkness for a major assault. However, a critical mistake is made during the landing and the platoon must think fast to recover.

10PM ET/PT – Bomb at the Front Door: It's a daily battle for survival for the soldiers of the 23rd Route Clearance Company. In the final episode of **HEROES OF HELL'S HIGHWAY**, the enemy insurgents place a bomb at the front gate of the company's base. On short notice, the Second Platoon goes out to defuse a bomb, but realize they've walked into a trap. Meanwhile, the Third Platoon is searching for IEDs when they're attacked by a motorcycle gang. The situation goes from bad to worse when their vehicles get stuck in Afghanistan's notorious sandy desert -- making the entire convoy sitting ducks.

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NEW EPISODES

Wednesday, December 19

9PM ET/PT – **AMISH MAFIA**

Devil Comes Calling: With Levi and his crew reeling from the arrest of one of their own, a new threat emerges. Merlin, the leader of Ohio's Amish Mafia, moves to take Levi down and to steal control of his vast Pennsylvania empire.

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10PM ET/PT – **MOONSHINERS**

A Moonshiners Christmas: Visit Tickle at his cabin while he sips on candy cane 'shine and trims his Christmas tree in this special episode loaded with Christmas Tickle's Takes and high action, as still site intruders, toxic mold, faulty equipment and mountainside chases plague our shiners.

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Saturday, December 22

7PM ET/PT – **GREAT BARRIER REEF**

Discovery Channel's two-hour special **GREAT BARRIER REEF**, a BBC/Discovery Channel co-production, takes viewers beneath Earth's largest living structure to provide an inside land often surprising look at this ever-changing natural wonder. The Great Barrier Reef spans more than 1,200 miles and is home to 1,500 species of fish, marine mammals and amphibians. Among the most amazing of the reef's wonders are its eccentric creatures, including sharks that can walk on land; bio-electric sensory sharks that can sense the tiny electrical signals emitted by the smallest twitching muscle; deadly snails; fluorescent coral; lethal jellyfish; and the giant Queensland grouper, a fish that is capable of swallowing sting rays and sharks whole.

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Sunday, December 23

9PM ET/PT – **CURIOSITY: X-RAY YELLOWSTONE**

Created in 1872, Yellowstone is the first national park in America. It is an American cultural icon attracting millions of visitors each year. But there is more to this park than meets the eye. Why is the wolf and elk population dwindling? What triggers deadly avalanches? What makes peregrine falcons one of world's most lethal hunters? CURIOSITY will take viewers inside the hidden wonders of Yellowstone using new imaging technology and the latest scientific research to shed insight on its incredible wilderness.

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Sunday, December 30

9PM ET/PT – **CURIOSITY: SUN STORM**

Our star is entering a new phase of violent activity...and massive solar storms could devastate our society. But what do we really know about the sun and its inner workings? In a visual first, CURIOSITY will create a virtual sun and set the world's top solar scientists on an expedition through the sun -- from the nuclear engine at its heart to its surface and beyond.

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