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Zoo Closes Due to Hurricane Matthew Brew at the Zoo Rescheduled to November 11

October 5, 2016-- *Jacksonville, FL* – Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens (JZG) announces Brew at the Zoo scheduled for October 7 has been rescheduled to Friday, November 11. The Zoo will be closed on Thursday and Friday for all day-guests and events. Currently, the Zoo will reopen on Saturday, October 8 pending any unforeseen wind or water damage.

“Every precaution is being taken to ensure the well-being of our patrons, employees and their families and our animals,” said Executive Director of the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens, Tony Vecchio.

Ticket holders to the sold-out Brew at the Zoo do not need to take any action to update their ticket for the November 11 date. Vendors and ticket holders will all receive an email with further details.

Animals are being kept in or near their night houses for their safety. The large animals and carnivores will be secured in their indoor quarters during the storm. State-of-the-art video equipment will allow animals to be monitored at all times. A select group of Zoo staff stay behind to ride out the storm and protect the animals and the facility.

“Just like our extended family, these animals are an important part of our lives. We make plans, set protocols and design enclosures that help make sure they are as safe as possible during hurricanes,” said Dan Dembiec, Supervisor of Mammals and a hurricane ride-out team member.

The Zoo hopes everyone in Jacksonville remains safe and will announce additional closings and re-openings on their Facebook page.

About Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens

For over 100 years, the Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens has aimed to inspire the discovery and appreciation of wildlife through innovative experiences in a caring environment. Starting in 1914 with an animal collection of one red deer fawn, the Zoo now has more than 2,000 rare and exotic animals and 1,000 species of plants, boasting the largest botanical garden in Northeast Florida. The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is a nonprofit

organization and an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. For more information, visit jacksonvillezoo.org.