



MEDIA RELEASE

February 7, 2010; 1900 AKST (Central, AK) - Warmer than usual temperatures and great conditions made for an enjoyable run for many mushers into the Central checkpoint on the Yukon Quest trail today. Once again, Zack Steer was the first musher to arrive at 10:49 AM, followed by Hans Gatt, Gerry Willomitzer and Hugh Neff, all getting in within an hour.

Steer decided to camp with his 14 dogs, while Gatt grabbed some supplies and moved along quickly saying, "Eagle Summit was the best I'd ever seen it." He then set off with 13 dogs en route to Circle City.

Willomitzer also didn't take time to rest at Central. He came through with 13 dogs, one in the basket, which he dropped at the checkpoint. He then moved through within minutes.

Closely behind was Neff, who decided to camp with his 14 animated dogs. Roughly a half hour later, Lance Mackey and his entire 14 dog team arrived for some rest and he ultimately dropped one at the checkpoint. Brent Sass followed at 12:24 PM and was back out on the trail in minutes with 13 dogs.

By the time of this release, 17 of the 24 mushers had reached Central. Neff, Mackey and Steer had all moved on toward Circle City.

** For the most up-to-date results from the Yukon quest, please visit <http://yukonquest.com/site/race-updates/>. You can also access mini-updates of the race through our Facebook page - just search Facebook for "Yukon Quest - Official Site". Plus, follow the race on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/YukonQuest2010> **

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