



MEDIA RELEASE

February 8, 2010; 20:30 (Circle City, AK) - After an early start in the morning, teams were arriving at the Slaven's Roadhouse dog drop by midday on Monday and some back out by the evening. Zack Steer was the first to reach the dog drop at 12:52 PM local time.

Hugh Neff was the next musher to make it in, with only 18 minutes separating him from Steer. By the time another hour had passed, both Lance Mackey and Hans Gatt had also made it to Slaven's Roadhouse. Gerry Willomitzer followed, arriving at 3:10 PM local time.

Steer and Mackey set a new record for fastest time between Circle City and Slaven's Roadhouse. Both made the trek in 6 hours, 37 minutes. The previous record was William Kleedehn in 2006 with the time of 6 hours and 53 minutes.

By the time of this release, a total of ten teams had arrived at the Slaven's Roadhouse dog drop. Steer dropped a dog and was the first to depart at 5:55 PM local time. Neff also dropped a dog and followed with his team at 7:05 PM.

Ken Anderson swept through the dog drop at 7:12 PM. Mackey left at 7:46 PM, with Gatt to follow 10 minutes later.

Twenty-one competitors and their dog teams had checked in at the previous checkpoint, Circle City, with three teams still en route from Central.

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