



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**February 16, 2009; 0900 PST (Pelly Crossing, YT)** - Jon Little led the way into Pelly Crossing at the 2009 Yukon Quest. Little arrived in Pelly Crossing this morning at 3:21 AM to rest his dogs after a straight run from Carmacks that was made in 8 hours 30 minutes.

Little has been the first to arrive at each of the last two checkpoints, but lost that lead, at least for the moment, when a number of mushers chose to only stop briefly for supplies at Pelly Crossing. William Kleedhen was the first to leave Pelly Crossing this morning at 7:29 AM followed closely by Hugh Neff at 7:45 AM, Hans Gatt at 8:23 AM and Brent Sass at 8:39 AM. Sebastian Schnuelle and Martin Buser had also arrived at Pelly Crossing by 9:00 AM this morning.

As of the writing of this release, Little was preparing his dogs to head back out on the next section of the trail. He will be trailing the current leaders by approximately two hours, but his dogs will be well rested and ready to run.

The next section of the race will take mushers into Dawson City, the halfway point of the race, which has a mandatory 36-hour layover.

\*\* For the most up-to-date results from the Yukon quest, please visit <http://yukonquest.com/site/race-updates/>. For images and video of the race, please visit <http://yukonquest-media.4shared.com> and enter 'media' as the password. You can also access mini-updates of the race through our Facebook page - just search facebook for "Yukon Quest - Official".\*\*

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