



MEDIA RELEASE - UPDATED

February 23, 2009; 0830 AKST (Central, Alaska) - Hugh Neff has been assessed a two-hour penalty to be served at the final checkpoint; Two Rivers.

Upon arrival at Central checkpoint, race officials were informed that Neff had been traveling on the road rather than following the trail route. The Race Marshal visually inspected the location where Neff left the trail and determined he had deviated from the trail for approximately five miles. He also concluded traveling on the road would provide a competitive advantage for Neff's team.

Trail Procedure Rule number six of the official rules states that "all teams must follow the trail as marked or as instructed by the Race Marshal".

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

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