



MEDIA ADVISORY

Yukon Quest Day 5 Update #2

February 9, 2011 (Whitehorse, Yukon & Fairbanks, Alaska) – The top ten teams had arrived in Dawson City by 3:17 a.m. (PST). Throughout the day, six more mushers arrived into the Checkpoint. Six teams are still en route to Dawson City with arrivals throughout the night and morning.

The Mushers Meeting was held at the Dawson City Checkpoint Wednesday evening to provide mushers with updated information on trail conditions, checkpoints services and notes from the Race Marshal and Head Veterinarian.

So far, the trail conditions have been hard and fast – the best trail many mushers have ever seen. Mike Reitz, Alaska Trail Coordinator gave the overview of the trail conditions mushers can expect from Dawson City to Fairbanks. Both Eagle and Rosebud Summits have good snow conditions. There is no major issue with overflow and there is some jumble ice on the rivers, but no major concerns. One key highlight is that the trail is windblown in places as a result of a 30 mile an hour winds this past week.

Front runner Hugh Neff can leave at 3:35 a.m. (PST) followed by Hans Gatt's earliest departure time of 6:16 a.m. (PST). Following Gatt on to the Yukon River to Forty Mile after 8:30 a.m. (PST) will be Ken Anderson.

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