



MEDIA ADVISORY

Yukon Quest Day 7 Update #3 – Back-of-the-Pack Group Forms

February 11, 2011 (Whitehorse, Yukon & Fairbanks, Alaska) – Leader Hugh Neff left the Eagle Checkpoint at 7:45 a.m. (AKST).

Hans Gatt is currently in second place nearly 10 hours behind. In close pursuit are Ken Anderson and Brent Sass who departed Eagle Checkpoint minutes apart from each other.

Four teams have arrived at the Eagle Checkpoint for their 4 hour mandatory layover. Six other teams are still en route between Dawson City and Eagle.

The final teams are generally referred to as the back-of-the-pack. This year, a back-of-the-pack group has emerged leaving Dawson City.

Five teams left the Dawson City campground within a little over half an hour of each other. The plan of this group is to stick together to share the work of breaking trail through the wind-swept trail they expect to encounter. There is also a feeling of safety in numbers.

Didier Moggia was the first to leave at 11:32 p.m. (PST). Kyla Durham departed at 11:36 p.m. (PST), Jerry Joinson at 11:39, Hank Debruin at 11:40. Tamara Rose was the last musher out of Dawson City at 23:59 p.m.

Clint Warnke, who had returned to the Dawson City Checkpoint this afternoon has scratched.

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