



MEDIA ADVISORY

Yukon Quest Day 7 Update

February 11, 2011 (Whitehorse, Yukon & Fairbanks, Alaska) – The weather conditions have become the main element in this section of the race. Musher's out on the trail are facing blowing wind and heavy snowfall in some areas which means limited visibility and a trail that is blown in or covered with fresh snow. The trail becomes hard to follow and even the trail markers can become frosted over and hard for mushers to see.

Hugh Neff is currently resting at the Eagle Checkpoint, having made it over American Summit, possibly before the worst of the weather hit. Hans Gatt is stopped on the far side of American Summit likely holding tight until the conditions improve.

Early this morning, Mike Ellis and Dave Dalton were preparing to leave minutes apart when a team arrived at the campground. Jodi Bailey, who had left at 11:16 p.m. (PST), got turned around on the river and ended up back in Dawson. She immediately got the team turned around and headed back out following Mike and in front of Dave.

Although no reasons no known yet, Wade Marrs is returning to the Dawson City Checkpoint. He was near 40 Mile at approximately 7:00 p.m. (PST) Thursday and turned around and has been making his way back.

Seven teams are still in Dawson City for their 36 hour mandatory layover. Departure times ranges from this morning to late evening.

The Race Marshal has coordinated a crew to head out on snowmachine to bring in Christine Roalofs and her team. With the heavy snow and wind, her progress has been slow. Christine pressed the help button on her SPOT unit. She is still approximately 38 miles outside of Dawson City. Thursday afternoon, a crew went out with extra supplies to check in on the team. The dogs were good, Christine was in good spirits, but was low on food. She accepted the supplies and was disqualified for accepting outside assistance. Her plan was to feed and rest the team and head out at 3:00 a.m. Friday morning and she is making slow progress towards Dawson.

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