



Media Advisory

Yukon Quest Day 10 Update #3

February 14, 2011 (Whitehorse, Yukon & Fairbanks, Alaska) Mile 101, Alaska –

Today was another day of harsh conditions, high winds and dramatic changes. Hugh Neff led out of Central Checkpoint and headed first to the summit. It was apparent from his tracker that he retreated from the summit.

Trail breakers reported periods of clearing alternating with high winds and blowing.

Snow machines from 101 went out to check the trail and to see if mushers were alright. They came upon Hugh and Dan Kaduce camped at the tree line just below the ascent. Both teams indicated they were alright and about to reattempt the summit. The teams headed up together Hugh led first, then Dan took over the lead- his team turned back before summiting- Hugh's team also turned back. Dan was missing the parka he left behind at Slaven's Roadhouse Dog Drop.

As Sebastian passed Hugh - Hugh called out to him and said "I knew it would be you." Sebastian then proceeded up and over the summit. Sebastian chose to rest at Mile 101.

Next Ken Anderson faced the summit. He led his team and Hugh's as high as he could- the teams were balled up so he led with his team. When he turned around Hugh's team had headed back down. He said the wind was howling, freezing cold. Ken arrived in 101 and headed to Two Rivers- pockets stuffed with muffins, cookies, granola bars.

Dan went to the road and he and his team were picked up and brought to Mile 101 as was Hugh Neff and his team. Their courage and determination was evident in all they tried to do.

Dallas Seavey managed Eagle Summit, arrived at Mile 101 and went straight through as well.

The aid offered by mushers to each other is an indication of the spirit of this race.

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