



## RACE UPDATE FROM DAWSON CITY

For Immediate Release:

DAWSON CITY, YUKON (February 14, 2008) - The Yukon Quest Checkpoint in Dawson City was bustling at 5 a.m. this morning with media, family, handlers, volunteers and Race Officials anticipating the possible arrival of Race frontrunners Lance Mackey and Ken Anderson.

It was approximately that time that word came in from Fortymile that the two had passed by without stopping.

A hospitality cabin rather than a checkpoint, Fortymile is approximately 50 miles (78 kilometres) from Dawson City. Volunteer Sebastian Jones has been living and hosting Yukon Quest teams at the cabin for 15 years.

Mackey made the run between Eagle and Dawson City in just over 23 hours in 2006 – the last time the race ran in a Fairbanks-Whitehorse direction. As a result, race spectators were anticipating a 7 a.m. arrival in Dawson City – the midway point in the race and host to the 36-hour mandatory layover.

Mushers Brent Sass, Michelle Phillips, Hugh Neff and David Dalton departed Eagle Checkpoint shortly after noon yesterday. Five more mushers signed out of Eagle late last night and early this morning and four remain at the Checkpoint.

Kyla Boivin, the race's youngest musher at 25, checked out of Slaven's Cabin Dog Drop at 6:22 a.m. today and is traveling toward Eagle.

Race Officials stated the trail was in good condition between Eagle and Dawson City.

Sixteen of the original 24 entrants remain in the race. For more information about the Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race, please visit [www.yukonquest.com](http://www.yukonquest.com).

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