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Yukon Quest Thanks the Canadian Rangers for 17-year Partnership

November 9, 2009 (Whitehorse, Yukon) – The Yukon Quest was notified by the Joint Task Force North that it is no longer possible to provide the trail support it has in the past through a formal partnership with the Canadian Rangers. Joint Task Force North supports and encourages individual Rangers to volunteer their time and effort in the same manner as the rest of Yukon Quest trail volunteers.

The Yukon Quest would like to express its sincere thanks for the incredible service and presence in the Yukon communities along the Yukon Quest trail that the Canadian Rangers have been a part of for the past 17 years.

“The Yukon Quest is proud to have had the Canadian Rangers partner with us for the past 17 years.” said Wendy Morrison, Executive Director of the Yukon Quest International Association Canada. “They have done an amazing job and have helped us set a high standard for the Yukon Quest Trail.”

Already, the Yukon Quest has started working on plans for the 2010 YQ Trail through the hiring of Yukon Trail Coordinator. While all the details have not been finalized, the coordinator will focus on connecting with past trail volunteers including individual Rangers throughout Yukon communities where the Yukon Quest passes through and using the incredible expertise that exists in the Yukon.

Plans for the Yukon Quest Trail in Alaska are also in the planning stages. Similar to last year, the Yukon Quest will hire an Alaska Trail Coordinator to work with volunteers and connect trail sections from Fairbanks through the Alaskan communities along the Yukon Quest Trail.

The 2009 Yukon Quest Trail, nicknamed by some as the “super highway,” was due to a combination of great trail work by our volunteer and Canadian Ranger teams as well as great snow and weather conditions leading up to the race.

“While we cannot control snow and weather conditions, we are confident that the teams being put in place for 2010 will make for great trail work,” said Morrison.

Please visit www.yukonquest.com for up-to-date information and news on the Yukon Quest. Media interested in covering the 2010 Yukon Quest are invited to register for accreditation by visiting <http://www.yukonquest.com/site/media-accreditation/>

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