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### **Mark Selland scratches at Ruby checkpoint**

**Anchorage, Alaska** — Iditarod musher Mark Selland (bib #23) of Anchorage, Alaska, scratched at 3:15 p.m. this afternoon at the Ruby checkpoint.

Selland made the decision to scratch due to concern for the safety and welfare of his race team. Selland had departed the Ruby checkpoint at 9:27 a.m. and then returned to the Ruby checkpoint and scratched at 3:15 p.m.

Selland had 13 dogs in harness at the time he made the decision to scratch.

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