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## Ellen Halverson scratches at Koyukuk checkpoint

**Nome, Alaska** — Veteran Iditarod musher Ellen Halverson (bib #30), of Wasilla, Alaska, scratched at 9:22 a.m. this morning at the Koyukuk checkpoint.

Halverson made the decision to scratch from the race due to concern for the mental health of her race team.

Halverson had 11 dogs in harness at the time she made the decision to scratch.

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