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Iditarod XLIII To Restart in Fairbanks

Anchorage, Alaska - February 10, 2015 - The Board of Directors of the Iditarod Trail Committee held a special meeting earlier this evening to hear a final report from a four person trail committee which spent the day with race staff flying over various portions of the trail via helicopter. The Board was unanimous in making the decision to move the Race Restart to Fairbanks as it was determined that the conditions were worse in critical areas than in 2014 and therefore not safe enough for the upcoming Race.

The traditional Anchorage Start will take place as scheduled on Saturday, March 7, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Restart will now take place in Fairbanks on Monday, March 9, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

This marks the second time in the history of the Race that the Restart has been moved to Fairbanks because of poor conditions in the Alaska Range. The first was in 2003, when Robert Sorlie of Norway, won his first Iditarod.

"While some snow did fall east of the Alaska Range over the past couple of weeks, other parts of the trail, in very critical areas, did not get much or any of it," said Stan Hooley, CEO.

"It's unfortunate that we have to make this very important decision this far out, but the task of getting tons of supplies and equipment in the right places, on time, begins this week," said Mark Nordman, Race Director.

Additional details regarding the Fairbanks Restart will be available on www.iditarod.com as additional planning decisions are made.

Seventy-nine (79) teams, the sixth largest field in the history of the Race, are busy training and preparing for the 43rd running of the Iditarod.

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| Checkpoints | Distance | Cumulative | Remaining |
|---------------------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Anchorage to BLM | 11 | 11 | 968 |
| Fairbanks to Nenana | 60 | 71 | 908 |
| Nenana to Manley | 90 | 161 | 818 |
| Manley to Tanana | 66 | 227 | 752 |
| Tanana to Ruby | 119 | 346 | 633 |
| Ruby to Galena | 50 | 396 | 583 |
| Galena to Huslia | 82 | 478 | 501 |
| Huslia to Koyukuk | 86 | 564 | 415 |
| Koyukuk to Nulato | 22 | 586 | 393 |
| Nulato to Kaltag | 47 | 633 | 346 |
| Kaltag to Unalakleet | 85 | 718 | 261 |
| Unalakleet to Shaktoolik | 40 | 758 | 221 |
| Shaktoolik to Koyuk | 50 | 808 | 171 |
| Koyuk to Elim | 48 | 856 | 123 |
| Elim to Golovin | 28 | 884 | 95 |
| Golovin to White Mountain | 18 | 902 | 77 |
| White Mountain to Safety | 55 | 957 | 22 |
| Safety to Nome | 22 | 979 | 0 |

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