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**Mitch Seavey wins PenAir Spirit of Alaska Award**

**Anchorage, Alaska** – Veteran Iditarod XLVI competitor Mitch Seavey (bib #13), of Seward, Alaska, was the first musher to reach the McGrath checkpoint at 7:22 p.m. today with 13 dogs in harness.

PenAir Chief Executive Officer Danny Seybert presented Mitch Seavey the PenAir Spirit of Alaska Award. This award reflects the perseverance and hard work of the Iditarod mushers, just as it serves as PenAir's slogan and embodies its long history in serving the state of Alaska.

Mitch Seavey will receive a framed print by the legendary Iditarod artist Jon Van Zyle. Having twice completed the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, Van Zyle has been the race's official artist since 1979 and was inducted into the Iditarod Hall of Fame.

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