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The 25th running of the Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race wrapped up in Teton County, Wyoming as mushers completed the seventh and final stage of the race. Teams embarked Saturday morning on a windswept 33-mile out-and-back course that followed the Gros Ventre River just east of Jackson Hole and Grand Teton National Park. Fresh dry snow and gusting winds created intermittent white-outs and drifting snow along portions of the trail, which made for a challenging but thrilling day for mushers and their teams.

Defending champion Anny Malo of Quebec nearly swept the race by winning six of the seven stages including the final stage Saturday, February 8. Throughout the race, Malo steadily built a narrow but definitive margin of 13:23 on second place finisher and two-time champion Lina Streeper of British Columbia. Alix Crittenden of Wyoming, Rachael Courtney of Manitoba, and Maria Torgerson of Montana rounded out the top five.

The "Stage Stop" race is highly recognized as a streamlined and well-organized event which boasts a total available prize payout of \$165,000, drawing many of the top mushers in its class. Hosted by eight western Wyoming and eastern Idaho communities including Jackson Hole, Alpine, Pinedale, Kemmerer, Big Piney/Marbleton, Lander, and Driggs, the race is dedicated to making sled dog sports more available to the public and encouraging healthy, active lifestyles for people and their pets alike.

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