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ROOKIE MUSHER MAINTAINS LEAD AFTER HALFWAY MARK.

It was another exciting day of racing at the 2024 Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race as competitors raced in near perfect conditions at Big Piney / Marbleton — Stage Four held at the Upper Green River trailhead.

A freshly groomed trail, courtesy of Wyoming State Trails, combined with cold overnight temperatures provided a firm and fast trail for the field of 15 international competitors.

The big story remains the European versus North American match-up between racers Remy Coste of France and defending champion Anny Malo of Quebec, Canada.

With the Stage Stop Race clearing the halfway mark today, the two top teams are essentially neck-and-neck with team Coste ahead of team Malo by 00:05:01 overall with three of the seven stages yet ahead of them.

Laura Bontrager of Newberry, Michigan advanced past Cathy Rivest to take over third position. All 15 teams converge again tomorrow (Wednesday) at the Ham's Fork trailhead at the southern end of the Wyoming Range for Kemmerer's Stage Five.

For complete finishing times: https://www.wyomingstagestop.org/stage_detail/2024-pinedale/

Video highlights: <https://www.wyomingstagestop.org/video-of-the-day-gallery/>

Additional commentary:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=10168591795420531&set=a.10152708373440531>

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The Pedigree Stage Stop Race consists of seven individual stages on National Forest land trails which wind through the seven mountain ranges of western Wyoming and Idaho. Teams cover 30 to 35 miles per day on out-and-back courses. Extraordinary daily coverage can be found on Facebook, Instagram, You Tube, and all the other usual social media places.

The daily race schedule is as follows:

- February 1 – Stage Five – Kemmerer, Wyoming
- February 2 – Travel Day
- February 3 – Stage Six – Alpine, Wyoming
- February 4 – Stage Seven & Final Banquet – Driggs, Idaho

Extensive race coverage, video, commentary, and interviews is available on race media platforms including:

Website: www.wyomingstagesstop.org **Facebook:** [facebook.com/PedigreeStageStopRace](https://www.facebook.com/PedigreeStageStopRace)

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