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TIMES REMAIN CLOSE AT STAGE STOP RACE.

Remy Coste of France won the 27.5-mile Stage Five at the Ham's Fork trail near Kemmerer, Wyoming today with a time of 1:39:08 for an average speed 16.6 miles per hour. Coste has now won four out of five stages and holds a 00:07:13 lead over defending champion Anny Malo with two stages remaining.

Although Coste's lead is narrow, he has shown he can muster strong runs day after day and now has only to match Malo's run times to maintain his lead and claim the championship on Saturday in Driggs, Idaho for the final stage.

Coste, who is originally from France and now lives in Sweden, has been a top racer in Europe for many years, but is a newcomer to the Stage Stop and North American racing. With his impressive performance, mushing fans worldwide are now focused on Wyoming in anticipation of whose name will be added to champions come Saturday at the conclusion of the seventh and final stage of the race.

Defending and five-time champion Anny Malo from Quebec, Canada is running a nearly flawless race and could yet close the gap and catch Coste. With just over 160 miles of racing complete, Coste has built his lead by running just 2.7 seconds per mile faster than Malo. Given that Malo beat Coste on day two by nearly 00:04:30, it is not impossible for her to overtake him in the two and final runs.

The remaining field of 14 competitors meet again Friday morning in Alpine, Wyoming for Stage Six and again Saturday morning in Driggs, Idaho for the seventh and final stage.

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

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

Additional commentary:

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The daily race schedule is as follows:

- February 2 – Stage Six – Alpine, Wyoming
- February 3 – 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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