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### **30th Annual Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race Kicks Off January 31 in Jackson, Wyoming**

**Jackson, WY** — The countdown to the 30th annual Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race has begun! On **January 31, 2025** in Jackson, Wyoming, will host the start of this world-renowned event, where elite mushers and their teams of sled dogs will embark on a multi-day journey through the breathtaking trails of the Western Wyoming wilderness.

Founded in 1996 by Wyoming public health nurse Jayne Ottman and champion musher Frank Teasley, the Pedigree Stage Stop Race was conceived as a way to promote childhood immunizations within the state. Today, it has grown into a premier winter sporting event, drawing top competitors from around the world while maintaining its commitment to community engagement and outdoor adventure.

**A Race Unlike Any Other** Often called “The Tour de France of Sled Dog Racing,” the Pedigree Stage Stop Race features a unique stage format. Each day, teams race a different leg of the course, hosted by vibrant Wyoming communities, including Jackson, Pinedale, Kemmerer, Big Piney/Marbleton, Lander, and Dubois. The format allows spectators to experience the excitement of the race up close and fosters deep connections between the competitors and the local communities.

**Celebrating 30 Years of Excellence** This year’s race marks three decades of thrilling competition and camaraderie. “The Pedigree Stage Stop Race is not just a sporting event; it’s a celebration of resilience, teamwork, and the incredible bond between mushers and their dogs,” said Race Director Dan Carter. “We’re honored to continue this tradition and invite everyone to join us for this special milestone.”

**Free Family Fun and Community Engagement** The Pedigree Stage Stop Race is free to attend and offers something for everyone. Spectators can enjoy the energy of the starting line, meet the mushers and their teams, and participate in community events along the way. The race also supports local animal shelters by donating pet food and promoting adoption programs in collaboration with the Pedigree Foundation.

#### **Schedule of Events**

- January 31, 2025: Opening Ceremonies and Start in Jackson, Wyoming.
- February 1-6, 2025: Daily stages in host towns across western Wyoming.
- February 7, 2025: Final stage and closing celebrations in Dubois, Wyoming.

**Join Us for This Unforgettable Event** Don’t miss your chance to witness the 30th anniversary of the Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race. Whether you’re a long-time fan or experiencing the magic for the first time, this year promises to be unforgettable. For more information, including race updates and community events, visit [www.wyomingstagestop.org](http://www.wyomingstagestop.org).

**About the Pedigree Stage Stop Race** The Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race is a non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating the sport of sled dog racing, fostering community involvement, and promoting sustainability. The race is committed to showcasing the rugged beauty of Wyoming's public lands while inspiring the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts.

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