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February 2, 2025 | Pinedale, Wyoming – Middle Piney Trailhead.

Stage Two of the Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race Concludes with Reverse Starting Order Format.

After a major winter storm forced the cancellation of Sunday's stage due to heavy snowfall and sustained winds exceeding 30 mph, competitors reconvened at the Middle Piney Trailhead this morning. A two-hour delay was implemented to allow heavy equipment to clear the road to the remote trailhead and enable Wyoming State Trails grooming crews to reset the 31-mile out-and-back course.

Following the completion of Stage One on Saturday in the Upper Green River basin east of Pinedale, the race adopted its reverse starting order format for Stage Two. In this format, the last-place finisher from the previous stage starts first, while the first-place finisher starts last. This approach compresses the overall field as faster teams catch up and pass slower teams, reducing the total time needed for all competitors to complete the course.

In today's stage, five-time champion Anny Malo once again posted the fastest time, further extending her overall lead. Stage Stop rookie Stéphane Roy from New Brunswick, Canada, finished second, followed by Bruce Magnusson of Michigan. Alix Crittenden from Bondurant, Wyoming placed 4th and Cathy Rivest finishing fifth to round out the top. Anny Malo remains in first place overall and will once again wear the yellow bib in tomorrow's stage 3.

Race organizers announced that the stage canceled yesterday will be made up by running the Lander-based trail out of Sinks Canyon — located in the eastern end of the Wind River Mountain Range — a second time on Thursday, February 6. This additional stage, originally designated as a travel day from Kemmerer, will maintain the overall race mileage at 215 miles and allow competitors to vie for the \$4,167 in day money awarded to the top 10 finishers for each stage.

The total overall purse for the 2025 Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race is \$200,000 USD, making it one of the largest payouts in sled dog racing.

Looking ahead, mushers and their dog teams will return to the central Wyoming Range on Tuesday, before heading to the southern end of the range on Wednesday for Stage Four out of Kemmerer. Teams will then move to Lander for Stages Five and Six, and finally, conclude with Stage Seven in Dubois — set against the stunning backdrop of the Gros Ventre and Absaroka Mountains bordering Yellowstone and the Teton Range.

For a complete listing of current standings, information about the race, or stage details, please visit www.wyomingstagestop.org.

Schedule of Events

February 4 – Stage Three – Big Piney / Marbleton, Wyoming.

February 5 – Stage Four – Kemmerer, Wyoming.

February 6 – Stage Five – Lander, Wyoming.

February 7 – Stage Six – Lander, Wyoming.

February 8 – Stage Seven– Dubois, Wyoming.

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