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February 6, 2025. Lander, Wyoming.

Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race Battles Weather Challenges at Louis Lake Trailhead on Historic South Pass.

Today's race stage at the Louis Lake trailhead on South Pass served as a make-up day for Stage Two out of Pinedale, which was canceled due to heavy blowing and drifting snow. In addition, the regularly scheduled stage for Lander was also held at this historic location, offering both a challenging course and a unique glimpse into Wyoming's rich heritage.

Originally, race organizers had hoped to utilize the Bruce's Bridge trailhead at Sinks Canyon for today's competition. However, warmer weather earlier in the week led to a deterioration of that trail, necessitating a swift change of plans. The Louis Lake trailhead on South Pass was selected as an alternative venue, allowing mushers to continue the race amid the demanding conditions.

South Pass is more than just a race course — it is a site steeped in American history. Known as the gateway for westward expansion, South Pass was the natural crossing for thousands of emigrants traversing the Oregon, California, and Mormon Trails. Its gently sloping, expansive terrain provided one of the few accessible routes through the Rocky Mountains, helping to shape the nation's early settlement and pioneering spirit.

Today's race not only tested the endurance and skill of the competing mushers under challenging weather conditions but also celebrated the enduring legacy of South Pass as a symbol of determination and exploration. Despite the setbacks posed by inclement weather, the race proceeded with the resilient spirit that has long defined the Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race.

For further information and complete standings visit the race website at www.wyomingstagestop.org

A short documentary celebrating the 30th anniversary of the race can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSF3R9-4Q6A>

A short sizzle reel can be viewed here:

<https://www.facebook.com/PedigreeStageStopRace/videos/1618640549040419>

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.

2025 Competitors

Bib #1. Michael Tetzner from Burg, Germany.

Bib #2. Austin Forney from Leadville, Colorado.

Bib #3. Chris Adkins from Canyon Creek, Montana.

Bib #4. Michael Bestgen from St Cloud, Minnesota.

Bib #5. Liam Conner from Loon Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Bib #6. Sarah Tarlton from Mountain, Wisconsin.

Bib #7. Tim Thiessen from Leadville, Colorado.

Bib #8. Al Borak from Newberry Michigan.

Bib #9. Cathy Rivest from St-Paul-de-Joilette Quebec, Canada.

Bib #10. Anny Malo from Saint Zenon Quebec, Canada.

Bib #11. Alix Crittenden from Bondurant, Wyoming.

Bib #12. Bruce Magnusson from Newberry, Michigan.

Bib #13. JR Anderson from Buyck, Minnesota.

Bib #14. Leonie Tetzner from Burg, Germany.

Bib #15. Dave Hochman from Carlowrie, Manitoba, Canada.

Bib #16. Sean Hildreth from Bend, Oregon.

Bib #17. Stéphane Roy from New Brunswick, Canada.

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