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Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race Ceremonial Start Successfully Kicks Off in Jackson, Wyoming

The much-anticipated ceremonial start of the **2026 Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race** was a resounding success today in Jackson, Wyoming. Amid a festive atmosphere filled with cheering fans, dedicated mushers, and the unmistakable spirit of adventure, the event celebrated the race's storied history and set the stage for another exhilarating competition.

This year's ceremonial start once again highlighted the race's long-standing tradition of blending community, sport, and the rugged beauty of Wyoming's winter landscapes.

Stage One and Two in Pinedale Saturday, January 31 and Sunday, February 1.

The excitement continues with Stage One, set to launch in Pinedale on Saturday, January 31, 2026.

Mushers and their support teams will tackle more 35 miles of challenging yet breathtaking terrain, testing skill, strategy, and endurance from the very first stage. Pinedale, renowned for its deep ties to sled dog racing and stunning scenery, provides an ideal backdrop for the opening stage of this iconic event.

Quotes: "Today's ceremonial start in Jackson perfectly captured the spirit of what the **Pedigree Stage Stop Race** represents — adventure, community, and the extraordinary partnership between mushers and their dogs," said **Dan Carter, Race Director**. "We're excited to head to Pinedale for Stage One and look forward to another incredible year of racing on Wyoming's trails."

"The success of the ceremonial start reflects the dedication of the race crew, the enthusiasm of fans, the support of host communities, and the commitment of everyone who helps make the Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race a cherished Wyoming tradition."

Complete schedules, participant updates, stage details, and schedules and spectator information are available at **www.wyomingstagestop.org**

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