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Stage One Kicks Off the Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race at Upper Green River Trail Head.

Stage One of the **Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race** launched today at the Upper Green River trail head, located west of Pinedale, Wyoming. Mushers completed a 34.5-mile out-and-back course.

In today's action, Stage Stop veteran **Bruce Magnusson** from **Newberry, Michigan**, clocked the fastest time by completing the course in 2 hours, 44 minutes, and 24 seconds at an average speed of 15.6 MPH. As the stage winner, Magnusson will proudly wear the yellow bib in Stage Two tomorrow.

The top five positions after Stage One are:

1. Bruce Magnusson – Newberry, Michigan
2. Anny Malo – Quebec, Canada
3. Remy Coste – French musher living in Salcha, Alaska
4. Michael Tetzner – Berg, Germany
5. Stéphane Roy – New Brunswick, Canada

The Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race is a unique, stage format competition featuring seven distinct legs along various US Forest Service trails throughout western Wyoming. Each stage is hosted by a local community — including **Jackson, Pinedale, Big Piney/Marbleton, Kemmerer, and Lander** — fostering a strong bond between the race and its host regions.

Key details of the race include:

- **Team Composition:** Each musher begins with a pool of 16 dogs and may run up to 12 dogs on any given day.
- **Course Format:** Every stage is an out-and-back course ranging between 27 and 34 miles, with competitors finishing at the starting trailhead.
- **International Competition:** This year, 18 teams from the United States, Canada, and Germany are competing.
- **Purse:** With a total prize purse of \$200,000, the Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race stands as one of the largest sled dog sporting events in the world.

With Stage One complete, the competitors have established their initial rankings and now face the challenge of maintaining or improving their positions over the next six stages. The race will resume on Sunday morning at the same venue before moving on to **Big Piney & Marbleton** for **Stages Three and Four**.

Schedule of Events

February 1 – Stage Two – Pinedale, Wyoming.
February 2 – Stage Three – Big Piney / Marbleton, Wyoming.
February 3 – Stage Four – Big Piney / Marbleton, Wyoming.
February 4 – Stage Five – Kemmerer, Wyoming.
February 5 – Travel Day.
February 6 – Stage Six – Lander, Wyoming.
February 7 – Stage Seven – Lander, Wyoming.

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

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