

**Streeper to Defend International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race Title;
22 Teams Will Vie for Sled Dog Race Prizes**

Jackson, Wyoming – January 9, 2012 – Blayne “Buddy” Streeper, from Fort Nelson, British Columbia, Canada returns to the 2012 International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race (IPSSSDR) to defend his 2011 IPSSSDR Title. Streeper, age 29, has won the race in 2004, 2010 and 2011.

“The other teams coming to Wyoming have their eyes on the prize so this will be an exciting competition,” says Director Frank Teasley. “I anticipate that we’ll see a very close race this year.”

The IPSSSDR, the largest sled dog race in the lower 48 states, is slated for January 27 – February 4, 2012. Now in its 17th year, the race starts in Jackson, Wyoming and travels through small Wyoming communities before finishing in Park City, Utah.

With its unique stage stop format, the IPSSSDR has become a popular mushing event attracting the world’s top competitors. Pedigree® Food for Dogs is the title sponsor of the IPSSSDR. The Pedigree® brand actively supports a wide range of programs that promote responsible pet ownership and highlight the contributions dogs make to society.

The International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race was founded in 1996 by Frank Teasley to make sled dog racing more accessible to the public. For more information, visit the race website at www.wyomingstagestop.org; contact the race at (307) 734-1163.

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Teams registered for the 2012 IPSSSDR:

1. Bruce Magnusson , MI
2. Ryan Redington, AK
3. Blayne Streeper, BC
4. John Stewart, Scotland
5. Jerry Bath, WY
6. Kate St. Onge, UT
7. Erin Redington, AK
8. Dennis Laboda, MN
9. Dave Turner, OR
10. Stacey Teasley, WY
11. Bailey Cross Vitello, MA
12. Marco Rivest, Quebec
13. Grant Beck, NWT

14. Al Borak, MI
15. Aaron Peck, AB, Canada
16. William Kornmuller, AK
17. JR Anderson, MN
18. Warren Palfrey, BC
19. Brent Beck, NWT
20. Richard Beck, NWT
21. Sam Palfrey, BC
22. James Wheeler, ME

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