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ALPINE, WYOMING — JANUARY 26, 2019

Following last night's gala celebration and exhibition run in downtown Jackson, Wyoming, Pedigree® Stage Stop Race Director, Dan Carter, announced the winner of the Alpine Stage of the EUKANUBA™ 8-DOG CLASSIC RACE and the PEDIGREE® STAGE STOP RACE held today in Alpine, Wyoming.

EUKANUBA™ 8-DOG CLASSIC RACE:

In day one of this year's Eukanuba 8-Dog Classic, competitors raced a 28-mile course in today's Alpine Stage. Maria Torgerson from Red Lodge, Montana finished first with an elapsed time of 1:57:05. Elliot Rivest from Quebec, Canada followed in second place with 2:02:47. Josh Miltier from Boulder, Colorado placed third with 2:25:05. Geneva Lyon from Brightwood, Oregon placed fourth with 2:30:11; Christina Gibson from Carlton, Washington placed fifth with 2:38:12; and Charmayne Morrisson from Polson, Montana placed sixth with 2:44:39. Becky Englert from Elk Mountain, Wyoming placed seventh with 2:49:16 followed by Jordan Hillock from Minersville, Utah with 2:50:07 in eighth and Stephen Peterson from Backus, Minnesota in ninth place with an overall elapsed time of 2:54:25.

PEDIGREE® STAGE STOP RACE:

2019 marks the largest field of mushers in recent history welcoming 9 competitors from Canada, 2 from Alaska, and 14 from 7 of the lower 48 states. In day one of this year's Pedigree® Stage Stop Race, competitors raced 28 miles in the Alpine, Wyoming today.

The top 12 competitors had total elapsed times within an extraordinary 10 minutes of each other: First place with an elapsed time of 1:48:04 is Érick LaForce from Lanoraie, Quebec, Canada. Lina Streeper from Ft. Nelson, British Columbia, Canada placed second with 1:48:53.

Anny Malo from Quebec, Canada followed in third place with 1:49:12; Emilie Entrikin from Fairbanks, Alaska in fourth place with 1:50:16; Dave Torgerson from Red Lodge, Montana placed fifth with 1:53:07; Rachel Courtney from Caliento, Manitoba, Canada placed sixth with 1:53:51; and Jeff Conn from Ester, Alaska placed seventh with 1:54:20 followed very closely by Bruce Magnusson from Manchester, Michigan who placed eighth with 1:54:40. Alix Crittenden from Bondurant, Wyoming placed ninth with 1:55:20 followed very closely by Tommy Bird from Southend, Saskatchewan, Canada who placed 10th with 1:56:39. Placing 11th with 1:56:41 is JR Anderson from Buyck, Minnesota. Dennis LaBoda from Hovland, Minnesota placed 12th with an elapsed time of 1:58:24 just 10 minutes and 20 seconds behind first place.

Finishing 13th today was seventeen-year-old Greta Thurston from Oak Creek, Colorado with a total elapsed time of 1:59:40. Richard Beck from Yellow Knife, North West Territories, Canada placed 14th with 2:00:43; Justin Fortier from Saint-Raymond, Quebec, Canada followed closely in 15th place with 2:01:28. Austin Forney from Leadville, Colorado placed 16th with 2:02:52. In 17th place with 2:08:18 is Alexandra Rochat from Whitehorse, Yukon Territories, Canada followed by Fernando Ramirez from Peoa, Utah in 18th place with 2:10:03. Katherine Scheck from Whitehorse, Yukon Territories, Canada placed 19th with 2:21:46 and Laura Daugereau from Port Gamble, Washington placed 20th with 2:27:26. Finishing in 21st place today is Tim Thiessen from Leadville, Colorado with 2:32:02 followed by Linda Pierce from Okanagen, Washington with 2:41:45 in 22nd place. Chris Adkins from Sand Coulee, Montana with 2:45:25; Dan Phillips from Snowmass Village, Colorado with 2:54:19; and Allan Berge from Glenrock, Wyoming with 2:55:41 placed 23rd, 24th, and 25th respectively.

From Alpine we travel to Pinedale, Wyoming for the next stage.

January 26th — Pinedale, Wyoming.

6:00 PM. Meet the Mushers Dinner at the Sublette County Library, South Tyler. Sublette County Library. Event & meal sponsored by Wyoming Community Foundation, Pinedale Travel, Tourism Commission and local business.

Stage 2 — January 27th — Pinedale, Wyoming.

9:00 AM RACE STARTS at the Upper Green River Trailhead, Cora at the end of Hwy 352. Kendall Valley Lodge serves Breakfast & Lunch Specials; west of Upper Green Parking Lot.

Saturday January 27th — Kemmerer, Wyoming.

6:00 PM Fundraiser Dinner and Program at South Lincoln Training & Event Center.

Stage 3 — January 28th — Kemmerer, Wyoming.

9:00 AM RACE STARTS at the end of the Hams Fork Road, Hams Fork Trail Head. Meet and Greet at the Town Triangle after the race for one hour.

Sunday January 28th — Marbleton, Wyoming.

6:00 PM Meet the Musers Dinner Marbleton Senior Center, 429 East 1st Street, Marbleton.

Stage 4 — January 29th — Big Piney/Marbleton.

9:00 AM RACE STARTS at Middle Piney parking lot off road 350, 20 miles from Big Piney.

Tuesday January 29th — Lander, Wyoming.

5:30 — 6:30 PM Meet the Teams on Main Street in downtown Lander. Lander Bake Shop will host the 2018 Pedigree Stage Stop Movie.

Stage 5 — January 30th — Lander, Wyoming.

9:00 AM RACE STARTS Louis Lake parking lot, top of South Pass, Hwy 28.

Stage 6 — February 1st — Driggs, Idaho.

9:00 AM RACE STARTS at Kay Dairy Trail Head, 8.5 miles from Hwy 33 on 4000 N.

Parking at the Start/Finish is limited. Please plan to carpool. There is no free shuttle this year, however individuals needing transportation may contact TRPTA at **208-529-1489** to book a ride at least 24hrs in advance.

Community Meet & Greet 2:00 - 3:00 pm in town 60 S Main St & overflow at 300 S Main St (east and west sides of Community Center)

Stage 7 — February 2nd — Teton County, Wyoming

9:00 AM RACE STARTS Lower Slide Lake Trailhead.

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