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ALPINE, WYOMING — February 1, 2020

Defending Stage Stop champion Anny Malo bested two-time Stage Stop winner Lina Streeper by 2 minutes 13 seconds on today's 28-mile out-and-back course. Malo averaged an impressive 16.2 mph to finish in 1:58:59. The two mushers meet again tomorrow for "Stage 2" in Pinedale, Wyoming on the 34-mile course.

Jeff Conn of Ester, Alaska is hot on their heels posting a time of 1:48:57. Rachel Courtney and Alix Crittenden fill out the top 5 from a total field of 18 contenders.

Stage 2 in Pinedale entails a 34 mile out-and-back trial into the eastern Gros Ventre mountains from the Upper Green River Trailhead. Western Wyoming weather forecast predicts potential heavy snowfall on Sunday/Monday followed by colder temperatures leading into next week.

Mushers compete in "stage" format racing on a different US Forest trail each day for a total of seven stages. The competitor with the least overall time to complete all seven stage is declared the champion.

From Alpine we travel to Pinedale, Wyoming:

February 1st — Pinedale, Wyoming.

6:00 PM. Meet the Mushers Dinner at the Sublette County Library, South Tyler. Community sponsored event.

Stage 2 — February 2nd — 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.

Sunday February 2nd — Kemmerer, Wyoming.

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

Stage 3 — February 3rd — 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.

Monday February 3rd — Marbleton, Wyoming.

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

Stage 4 — February 4th — Big Piney/Marbleton.

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

Tuesday February 4th — Lander, Wyoming.

5:30 — 6:30 PM Meet the Teams on Main Street in downtown Lander. Lander Bake Shop will host the 2019 Pedigree Stage Stop Movie.

Stage 5 — February 5th — Lander, Wyoming.

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

Stage 6 — February 7th — 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 8th — Teton County, Wyoming

9:00 AM RACE STARTS Lower Slide Lake Trailhead.

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