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PRESS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION

STAGE 1 - TETON COUNTY, WYOMING — JANUARY 29, 2022.

After an exhilarating kickoff in downtown Jackson, Wyoming last night, competitors were ready for day one of the “big race”. Twenty-four powerful teams left the starting line at Blackrock Ranger Station trailhead 8 miles east of Moran Junction this morning. Blackrock offers a little bit of everything on this scenic 29.7-mile course — ups & downs, twists & turns, switchbacks and a stretch of open country up top. Cold temperature (-16F at 9 am), almost no wind, and blue skies made ideal conditions for a perfect day of racing. And, after a four-mile climb of hard fast trail out the chute, all were treated to a breathtaking panoramic view of the Teton Mountains. All the mushers without exception reported it was a great run for Day One.

The results confirm that this was a very fast course. Today's top three competitors shattered last year's course record held by Éric Laforce. Anny Malo, last year's returning Stage Stop champion, set a new course record of 1:49:29. Éric Laforce was not far behind at 1:52:23 overcoming a wedged snow hook on the hard packed trail. Next across the finish line were Diane Marquis, JR Anderson and Alix Crittenden.

Stage I — Teton County, Wyoming results:

- 1 — Anny Malo 1:49:29
- 2 — Érick Laforce 1:52:23
- 3 — Diane Marquis 1:54:27
- 4 — JR Anderson 1:57:29
- 5 — Alix Crittenden 1:57:35
- 6 — Cathy Rivest 1:59:09
- 7 — Lina Streeper 1:59:28
- 8 — Austin Forney 2:01:41
- 9 — Jake Robinson 2:02:44
- 10 — Dave Torgerson 2:04:20
- 11 — Thad McCracken 2:04:26
- 12 — Hans Gatt 2:05:54
- 13 — Bruce Magnusson 2:06:34
- 14 — Grant Beck 2:07:49
- 15 — Ryan Baeber 2:10:04
- 16 — Rachel Courtney 2:10:39
- 17 — Gwenn Bogart 2:14:48
- 18 — Laura Bontrager 2:17:09

- 19 — Jerry Scdoris 2:21:26
- 20 — Fernando Ramirez 2:21:50
- 21 — Tim Thiessen 2:25:39
- 22 — Christina Gibson 2:49:51
- 23 — Chris Adkins 2:50:41
- 24 — Geneva Lyon 3:06:20

From Teton County we travel to:

STAGE 2

Sunday — January 30th — Pinedale, Wyoming.

(Stage Two relocated from the South Pass area of Lander, 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. Located west of the Upper Green Parking Lot.

4:00 PM PUBLIC MEET & GREET at the Dudley Key Sports Complex. Food and drinks for purchase.

STAGE 3

Monday — January 31st — 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. Located west of the Upper Green Parking Lot.

For more information about the Pinedale WY Stage
visit <https://www.wyomingstagestop.org/stages/pinedale-wy/>

Monday — January 31st — Big Piney, Wyoming.

6:00 PM MEET THE MUSHERS DINNER Marbleton Community Center, 429 2nd Street, Big Piney.

STAGE 4

Tuesday — February 1st — Big Piney/Marbleton, Wyoming.

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

For more information about the Big Piney/Marbleton WY Stage
visit <https://www.wyomingstagestop.org/stages/big-piney-marbleton-wy/>

STAGE 5

Wednesday — February 2nd— Kemmerer, Wyoming.

9:00 AM RACE STARTS at the end of the Hams Fork Road, Hams Fork Trail Head.

For more information about the Kemmerer WY Stage
visit <https://www.wyomingstagestop.org/stages/kemmerer-wy/>

Thursday — February 3rd— TRAVEL DAY

STAGE 6

Friday — February 4th — Alpine, Wyoming.

9:00 AM RACE STARTS at Greys River Trail Head Parking Lot.

For more information about the Alpine WY Stage
visit <https://www.wyomingstagestop.org/stages/alpine-wy/>

STAGE 7

Saturday — February 5th — Driggs, Idaho.

9:00 AM RACE STARTS at new location past Kay Dairy Trail Head. Parking at the Start/Finish is limited. Please Plan to Carpool.

1:00 - 3:00 PM COMMUNITY MEET & GREET behind Driggs Community Center in the Transit Center Park & Ride Lot.

For more information about the Driggs ID Stage
visit <https://www.wyomingstagestop.org/stages/driggs-id/>

Saturday — February 5th — Final Banquet at the Teton County Idaho Fairgrounds

5:00 PM Doors open. Dinner catered by Captain Ron's BBQ starts at 6:00 PM.

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