

# **Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race®**

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## **JOHN DIXON SCRATCHES IN OPHIR**

**Ophir, Alaska - Friday, March 7, 2014** - IDITAROD XLII Musher John Dixon (bib # 45) of Fairbanks, Alaska, scratched at 5:52 p.m. today in Ophir.

Dixon indicated to checkpoint personnel that he was concerned for the welfare of his dogs and their performance.

John will be spending the night in Ophir and he and his team will be transported by the Iditarod Air Force to McGrath in the morning.

He had 10 dogs in his team at the time he made the decision to scratch.

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