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Jim Lanier scratches at Rainy Pass checkpoint

Anchorage, Alaska — Veteran Iditarod musher Jim Lanier (bib #55) of Chugiak, Alaska, scratched at 7:27 p.m. today at the Rainy Pass checkpoint.

Lanier made the decision to scratch due to concern for his own well-being.

Lanier had 14 dogs in harness at the time he made the decision to scratch.

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