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**Jeremy Keller scratches at Nikolai checkpoint**

**Anchorage, Alaska** — Veteran Iditarod musher Jeremy Keller (bib #47) of Knik, Alaska, scratched at 3:05 p.m. today at the Nikolai checkpoint.

Due to current events, Keller has made the difficult decision to scratch as he wants to be home with his friends and family during this stressful time.

Keller is currently mushing his team back to Willow, and his GPS tracker will remain live so that the Iditarod can ensure a safe journey for him as he heads home.

Keller had 12 dogs in harness at the time he made the decision to scratch.

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