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**Meredith Mapes scratches at Unalakleet checkpoint**

**Anchorage, Alaska** — Veteran Iditarod musher Meredith Mapes (bib #13) of Palmer, Alaska, scratched at 8:09 a.m. today at the Unalakleet checkpoint.

Mapes made the decision to scratch due to personal health reasons.

Mapes had seven dogs in harness at the time she made the decision to scratch.

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