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Sean Underwood, Tom Knolmayer and Matthew Failor scratch just prior to Safety checkpoint

Anchorage, Alaska — Iditarod mushers Sean Underwood (bib #46), Tom Knolmayer (bib #30) and Matthew Failor (bib #29) encountered deep overflow of water on a section of the Iditarod trail just prior to Safety. At approximately 7:30 a.m. today, the mushers requested emergency assistance.

In coordination with the Alaska State Troopers, Nome Search and Rescue and the Alaska Rescue Coordination Center, all teams were safely rescued from the area and transported to Nome. All sled dogs and mushers are in good health.

Because of these rescue efforts and in accordance with rule 31, all three mushers did scratch from Iditarod XLVIII.

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