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**Rookie musher Gregg Vitello scratches at Iditarod checkpoint**

**Anchorage, Alaska** – Rookie musher Gregg Vitello (bib #29), of Milan, New Hampshire, scratched at 3:34 p.m. today at the Iditarod checkpoint which was in best interest of his team. Greg contacted Race Marshal Mark Nordman through a third party and asked for the Iditarod trail sweeps to escort him and his dog team back to Iditarod. Gregg and his team are fine and will be transported off the trail by the Iditarod Air Force.

Vitello had 12 dogs in harness when he scratched, all in good health.

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