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**Rookie Iditarod musher, Jennifer LaBar, scratches at Rainy Pass Checkpoint**

**Anchorage, Alaska** – Rookie Iditarod musher, Jennifer LaBar (bib #13), of Healy, Alaska, scratched at 8:30 p.m. today at the Rainy Pass checkpoint.

After speaking with medical professionals, Jennifer made the very difficult decision to scratch due to a hand injury sustained earlier in the day.

LaBar had 13 dogs in harness when she arrived in Rainy Pass, all in good health.

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