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Jeff Reid receives the Lynden “Committed through the Last Mile” Red Lantern Award

Nome, Alaska – Rookie Iditarod musher Jeff Reid (bib #35) of Two Rivers, Alaska, is the final musher to reach Nome today at 2:22 a.m. with 7 dogs in harness.

In its third year as a sponsor, Lynden once again chose to honor the Red Lantern finisher for their perseverance and commitment to completing the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race® through unexpected challenges. According to historians, awarding the red lantern as the final finisher has become an Alaska tradition in sled dog racing.

As the Red Lantern winner, Reid receives \$1,000 and has the honor of extinguishing the widow’s lamp on the burlled arch in Nome. The symbol of the widow’s lamp dates back to when roadhouses were used in Alaska and extinguishing the lamp is a signal that no other mushers are out on the trail.

Lynden’s “Committed through the Last Mile” Red Lantern Award will be re-presented to Reid at the Iditarod finishers banquet on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

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