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**Rookie Iditarod musher Justin Olnes scratches at the Eagle Island checkpoint**

**Nome, Alaska** – Rookie Iditarod musher, Justin Olnes (bib #29), of Fairbanks, Alaska scratched at 12:45 p.m. today at the Eagle Island checkpoint, stating that his team needed more rest to stay competitive. Olnes arrived at the Eagle Island checkpoint with 10 dogs in harness and departed the checkpoint at 5:22 p.m. Shortly after departing the checkpoint, Olnes returned back to the Eagle Island checkpoint in the best interest of his team.

Justin has been a great competitor in this race and we hope to see him on the Iditarod Trail again next year.

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