

Press Release

TO: Media

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RE: Race to the Sky

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All 300 mile teams are now resting in Owl Creek Primitive Checkpoint except for Jessie Royer who has spent much of the afternoon resting at Owl Creek. She is headed for Seeley Lake II and is expected to arrive back there around 10:00 tonight. The rest of the 300 mile teams will rest and start heading back to Seeley Lake II late this evening.

Three teams withdrew from the race: Jesse Flory of Hesperus, Colorado, Patrick Roy of Paradise, Montana and Jed Stephenson of Sand Point, Idaho.

The 100 mile race is finished around 2 p.m. today with Josi Thyr of Seeley Lake, Montana winning the 100 mile sled dog race at 6:48 this morning. This is her first win at Race to the Sky and she thanked Jessie Royer for allowing her to incorporate some of her dogs into her team to finish strong. She was followed by Scott White of Snohomish, Washington at 7:11 this morning. The following placed as follows:

1 st Place	Josi Thyr	Seeley Lake, Montana
2 nd Place	Scott White	Snohomish, Washington
3 rd Place	Charmayne Morrison	Bozeman, Montana
4 th Place	Christina Gibson	Carlton, Washington
5 th Place	Jordan Hillock	Minersville, Utah
6 th Place	Spencer Reiss	Bozeman, Montana
7 th Place	Roy Etnire	Seeley Lake, Montana
8 th Place	Steven Thomas	Darby, Montana
9 th Place	Steve Madsen	Cougar, Washington
10 th Place	Jane Devlin	Bend, Oregon

At the awards ceremony at Seeley Lake Community Center, Josi Thyr was awarded the Jack Beckstrom Best Cared for Team Award in honor of Jack Beckstrom who was an original organizer for Race to the Sky and served on the board of directors for 33 years. This award was sponsored by Adanac Sleds and Equipment, Jack and Pam Beckstrom's sled building and dog sled equipment business which has been a sponsor of Race to the Sky for 35 years.

Roy Etnire received the Jack Beckstrom Sportsmanship Award for his hard work on the trail and sacrificing running time to help the Race to the Sky.

Charmayne Morrison received the Rocky Mountain Triple Crown award for the 100 mile races she ran. The Rocky Mountain Triple Crown includes finishing the Eagle Cap Extreme 100 mile race, the next weekend, the Idaho Sled Dog Challenge 100 mile race and Race to the Sky 100 mile race. She was the highest place finisher for those races and received a trophy and finisher patch. Steve Madsen also received a finisher patch for completing all three races.