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PAUL ELLERING SCRATCHES IN EAGLE ISLAND

IDITAROD XXXIII MUSHER Paul Ellering, (Bib #61) made the decision to scratch from the race at 6:26 this evening (March 16, 2005) in the remote checkpoint of Eagle Island. Ellering said he made the decision based on what he felt was best for his dog team.

Ellering hails from Grey Eagle, Minnesota. This is Ellering's second run for the Burlingame Arch of Nome. He finished the race in 2000. Ellering was in 65th position when he made the decision to scratch. Eagle Island is 732 miles from Anchorage on the Iditarod Trail.

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