



# **Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race®**

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### **MONTANA MUSER CLIFF WANG SCRATCHES IN TAKOTNA**

IDITAROD XXXIII MUSER Cliff Wang, (Bib #40) has made the decision to scratch from the race at the Takotna Checkpoint with 13 dogs on his team. The 45 year old Lincoln Montana musher made the decision at 9:15 am (Friday March 11). Wang told the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Marshall that he felt it was in the best interest of the team to scratch. He cited poor training conditions in preparation for the "Last Great Race to Nome." Wang trains in Montana. He said this was a poor year for snow conditions in the "Big Sky" state.

Wang placed 69<sup>th</sup> in last year's "Last Great Race to Nome."

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