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Wade Marrs first musher to Unalakleet, wins Wells Fargo Gold Coast Award

Anchorage, Alaska – Iditarod XLV musher Wade Marrs (bib #29) of Willow, Alaska, was the first musher to reach the Unalakleet checkpoint today at 4:05 p.m. with 13 dogs in harness.

Wells Fargo’s Nicolle Welch, district manager for Western Alaska, and Drew McCann, Nome branch manager, presented the award to Marrs, which will be re-presented at the Iditarod awards banquet in Nome on Sunday, March 19, at the Nome Recreation Center.

The Wells Fargo Gold Coast Award includes a gold cup trophy and \$3,500 worth of gold nuggets. The gold nuggets are locally sourced from the Bering Sea region and were purchased from a longtime resident and gold miner.

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