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**Mitch Seavey first into Huslia, wins GCI Dorothy G. Page Halfway Award**

**Anchorage, Alaska** – Veteran Iditarod XLV competitor Mitch Seavey (bib #16), of Seward, Alaska, is the first musher to reach the halfway point of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race at the Huslia checkpoint at 8:18 p.m. on March 9, 2017, with 16 dogs in harness. GCI's Corporate & Regulatory Counsel Tara Wheatland presented Seavey with the award at the checkpoint. This award will be re-presented in Nome at the Iditarod awards banquet on Sunday, March 19, at the Nome Recreation Center.

GCI has been the sponsor of this award since 1994, which honors the late "Mother of the Iditarod." The winner receives a trophy and \$3,000 in gold nuggets, which is symbolic of the historical tie between gold mining and mushing. The trophy, made of Alaska birch and marble and features a photograph of the late Dorothy G. Page, remains year-round at the Iditarod headquarters.

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