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### **Cindy Gallea scratches at Safety checkpoint**

**Anchorage, Alaska** — Veteran Iditarod musher Cindy Gallea (bib #53) of Wykoff, Minn., scratched at 12:00 a.m. this morning at the Safety checkpoint.

Gallea made the decision to scratch in the best interest of her race team, which is her No. 1 priority.

Gallea had seven dogs in harness at the time she made the decision to scratch.

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