Media Release

TO: All Media

FROM: Pam Beckstrom, 881-2909

RE: Race to the Sky PR 4

DATE: Feb. 12, 9:30 p.m.

All mushers in the 300 mile Race to the Sky are headed from Owl Creek Primitive Checkpoint to Seeley Creek/Morrell Creek Checkpoint.

At press time, Jessie Royer is about 18 miles from Seeley Creek Checkpoint, Charmayne Morrison is about 19 miles from there, Erik Oline is about 20 miles from Seeley Creek and Clayton Perry is about 36 miles from Seeley Creek.

The first three are neck-in-neck with Perry fairly close behind. They will most likely rest some at Seeley Creek before they head to the next checkpoint which is White Tail Ranch early tomorrow morning. At White Tail Ranch, they will all have a six hour mandatory rest before heading to the finish line.

The expected finish could be late tomorrow afternoon depending on weather conditions. Stay posted for updates.

Finishers for the 100 mile race in order of place:

1st Nicole Lombardi Lincoln, Montana

2nd Jesika Reimer Emigrant Gap, California

3rd Christina Gibson Carlton, Washingtin

4th Wade Donaldson Coalville, Utah

5th Chris Adkins Sand Coulee, Montana

6th Kevin Daugherty Terreton, Idaho

7th Adrian Lopez Seeley Lake, Montana

8th Hunter Hale Seeley Lake, Montana

9th Madi Longpre-Harrer Power, Montana

10th Thomas Blackham Terreton, Idaho

11th Bucky Hasty Bozeman, Montana

12th Aidan Torres Okanogan, Washington

Awards:

The Jack Beckstrom Sportsmanship Award went to Shane Pearson for his efforts on the trail. He received an original artwork placque. It was presented by Steve Riggs and Pam Beckstrom.

The Jack Beckstrom Best Cared for Team Award went to Christina Gibson for her excellent dog care for her young team of dogs. It was presented by Dr. Phil Topham and Pam Beckstrom. She also received an 8 dog reflective gangline for her team donated by Adanac Sleds and Equipment.

The Triple Crown Trophy for highest place finisher for all three races: Eagle Cap 100, Idaho Challenge 100 and Race ot the Sky 100 went to Nicole Lombardi who first first in all three races this year. Her name will go on the trophy that will be placed at Hi Country Snack Foods and she also received a patch.

Other patches went to Jesika Reimer, Thomas Blackham and Kevin Daugherty for finishing all three races this year.

A special “crown” was presented to Kevin Daugherty for the most penalties in a single year.