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LANCE MACKEY IS THE FIRST TO SIGN UP FOR IDITAROD XXXV

One of the most competitive mushers in the ultra competitive field of The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race is making a statement. Kasilof Musher, Lance Mackey officially signed up as the first musher to enter in Iditarod XXXV at 1pm on Saturday, June 17th.

Mackey, who has won back to back Yukon Quest Championships (2005 & 2006), said his reason for officially signing up first is simple, the stars are aligned for the Mackey tradition to grow, and this is the year it has to happen.

"My Dad (Dick) and my brother (Rick) won this race in their sixth attempt wearing bib # 13. This year marks my sixth Iditarod and I intend to wear bib #13," Said Mackey.

He went on to Say, "I believe I have the team and the ability. This year I am going to put it all together and the Come Back Kennel goal for 2007 is to make sure that there is a third Mackey on the list of Iditarod Champions. This is my year!"

The 36 year old Mackey has already achieved greatness in the Yukon Quest winning the last two years, and then turning around and placing in the top ten (7th I, 2005 and 10th in 2006) in The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

When asked if he would continue that tradition he replied "I am going to run the Yukon Quest... I am going to take a two year old team, and my expectation is to win the Yukon Quest, and yes, also win the Iditarod." That feat would put Lance Mackey all alone in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race history books.

By being the first to sign up for the 2007 IDITAROD Trail Sled Dog race, Mackey will have the opportunity to choose bib #13 when he starts the race on March 3rd. More mushers are expected to join Mackey at race headquarters this week jockeying for the opportunity to select their starting position in IDITAROD 2007. The official sign ups will take place during the Volunteer Picnic scheduled for this Saturday, June 24th at the Iditarod Trail Committee Headquarters in Wasilla. The Volunteer Picnic, catered by The Millennium

Alaskan Hotel is designed to show appreciation to the more than one thousand eight hundred volunteers that make the "Last Great Race on Earth" a reality. Race organizers are expecting both rookies and veterans to show up to the Volunteer Picnic for a chance to pick their place in IDITAROD XXXV. For more information, please contact Chas St. George at 907.232.0503.