

Believe Sled Ride to End MS completes its journey

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Even a snowstorm couldn't stop a snowmobiler with a mission to raise money for MS research.

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"We were in the Nipawin area during the (Feb. 27) storm. We weren't able to see the trail markings clearly at that point. However, once we got into the bush it was a little better and (when the snow stopped) it was clear sailing," ride organizer Nicole Rolfes said.

On March 1, Rolfes wrapped up the 10 day, 1,100 km Believe Sled Ride to End MS.

"We were following the snow, it seemed like. I was fatigued a couple times where I thought I would have to truck and trailer. However, I pushed through, got some rest and managed to get 'er done," Rolfes said.

In 2012, Rolfes was diagnosed with MS. After coming to terms with her own illness, she decided it was time to do something for others who were suffering as well.

Rolfes and her husband Wally planned the Believe Sled Ride to End MS and started the trip in Goodsoil with stops in Meadow Lake and Prince Albert before the final stop in Yorkton.

The goal of the ride was to raise \$15,000 through donations and merchandise sales. As of March 3, the ride has raised approximately a third of its goal and will still be accepting donations until March 31.

Now that the ride is over, Rolfes said she will be returning home to Lloydminster and getting as much rest as possible.

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