

## **Snowmobile Backcountry Essentials**

- 1. Communication devices. Cell phone, satellite communicator (Zoleo, InReach, Spot) with appropriate charging cords.
- 2. Battery power bank for charging devices.
- 3. GPS, map, compass, aerial photos.
- 4. Booster pack for snowmobile.
- 5. Gas line antifreeze.
- 6. Spare snowmobile belt.
- 7. Snowmobile tool kit.
- 8. Extra spark plugs.
- 9. Flashlight/headlamp
- 10. Spare batteries for anything requiring them.
- 11. Folding saw.
- 12. Axe.
- 13. Knife/multitool.
- 14. File/stone for sharpening axe/knife.
- 15. Collapsible shovel.
- 16. Something to light a fire, waterproof matches, wind proof lighter, flint, etc.
- 17. Firestarter, commercial or homemade.
- 18. Rope or paracord.
- 19. 2 tarps 8X12
- 20. Something to boil water in.
- 21. Freeze dried foods, granola bars, etc.
- 22. First aid kit.
- 23. Signaling devices, reflector, flares, and fox 40 whistle.
- 24. Rabbit snares, fishing line and hooks.
- 25. Emergency blankets.
- 26. Hand and foot warmers.
- 27. Extra clothing, wear moisture wicking layer.
- 28. Windproof layer (Tyvek suit).
- 29. Extrication devices, snow bungee, stuck mate, tow rope, come along, etc.

If you are travelling over ice make sure you determine it is safe to do so. While on any ice always wear ice picks around your neck, a personal flotation device and have a 50' throw bag on your vehicle.

Always make sure you tell someone where you are going, who you are going with, and when you will return.

Make sure you have proper training for whatever activity you will be involved with including a snowmobile driver safety course and first aid certificate.