

## EQUIPMENT LIST FOR WYOMING HORSE or LLAMA PACKING EXPEDITIONS

Please bring whatever you think you would like to take into the mountains. We will look over your equipment and discuss what is appropriate upon your arrival. We can provide the major items if you need them. Do not hesitate to call us for specific recommendations when purchasing equipment. **Orvis** has excellent flyfishing products.

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**1. Duffel Bags:** Sturdy, waterproof bags to hold your gear during horse/llama transport. These should not be as large as army duffles, which are too large for packing. The horse and llama packers recommend bags no larger than 26-30" in length. Many small bags are better than one big one.

**2. Trash compacter bags:** pack everything in these sturdy bags and then you're safe!

**3. Sleeping bag:** Any good down or synthetic bag is suitable. We recommend about a 20-degree rating. In waterproof stuff sack and garbage or trash compactor bag.

**4. Tent:** Any lightweight mountain style is suitable. It should definitely have a fly. Weight should be under 6 1/2 pounds for a two-man or 9 pounds for a four man. Seal seams.

**5. Stuff Sacks:** Several in miscellaneous sizes are nice for organization.

**6. Sleeping Pad:** Ensolite, covered foam, or ThermoRest are fine. Should be light and non-bulky. Backpacking chairs that double as pads can be useful.

### PERSONAL CLOTHING

We recommend using the layer system in the mountains incorporating "warm when wet" (also known as wicking) layers to insure your comfort and safety. Warm when wet materials include wool, polypropylene, bunting, pile, capilene, synchilla, and thermax. Cotton, cotton flannel, or Duofold with cotton are not recommended as insulating layers. **100% NO COTTON.** Check the label to see if there is cotton in your insulating layers! For those riding in, remember that it can get cold on horseback when you aren't producing much heat.

**7. Boots:** Light weight with Vibram type soles. Best fitted with two pair of wool or polypro socks or one lightweight liner and a heavier sock. **Cotton socks mean blisters and discomfort.** Tennis shoes, sandals, flip flops, or crocs are recommended for camp shoes. For those riding, a pair of riding boots can also be brought, if you have them. If walking in, a pair of surf shoes or crocs can be carried if we have to wade some streams. Check your trip.

**8. Pants:** For the main summer, windpants (travel pants—some come with zip off legs). Windpants are worn alone most of the time. They keep off the bugs and are great to wade in, as they are dry again in two minutes. After September 1, wool or synchilla pants, long johns, and windpants. A lightweight pair of **shorts** is nice (much of the time). Blue jeans are a must if you are riding in (some find running tights underneath blue jeans is more comfortable).

**9. Long Johns:** Worn under windpants in the main part of the summer. In the fall they are a must.

**10. Underwear:** As suits your needs. Usually one set to wear and one set in reserve.

**11. Upper insulating layers:** Two layers for the main part of the summer--at least one should be a "warm when wet" type. Three layers for the fall. Down jackets and vests are OK for one layer. All to fit loosely.

**12. Cotton Shirt:** Should be light, tightly woven, and long-sleeved to keep off bugs and protect from high altitude sun.

**13. Hat:** Something with a wide brim to keep the sun and rain off. Stocking cap necessary in the fall or if you are naturally cold. Fleece neck gaiters are nice.

**14. Socks:** Wool or polypropylene only. Two sets plus an extra pair to "keep wet".

**15. Gloves or mittens:** Wool, polypro, and/or bunting only. Only needed for the fall or for those who are extremely cold blooded. Fingerless are fine. Riding gloves for riding are OK.

**16. Raingear:** Jacket (with hood) **AND pants.** No ponchos or plastic. Make sure these are reliable and that seams are sealed. Most bring something waterproof-breathable.

**17. Sunglasses:** These are very important and should be **polarized** for spotting fish.

**18. Day Pack:** This is absolutely necessary for carrying your lunch, raingear and an extra layer while away from camp (2000-3200 cu. in). A fishing vest simply does not have enough room.

## **FISHING GEAR**

**19. Fly Rod:** We recommend a 7 1/2 to 9 foot graphite rod for 4 to 6 weight lines. Our favorite is an 8 and 1/2 foot for a 5-wt. line. Should be in a sturdy case. Does not have to be a "pack rod." Two- piece rods can be can be packed. May bring an extra. 3 wights are nice for the small streams.

**20. Reels:** Any sturdy single action type with backing will do. Should have backing.

**21. Fly Line:** A good tapered floating line to match your rod is recommended. A sinking line or sink tip on an extra spool might be used if you have one.

**22. Leaders:** Several 7 1/2 to 9 feet in 3X and 4X are necessary. 9 ft. 4X is our standard. Extra tippet material in 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X. **Orvis** Super Strong is good. Fluorocarbon leaders and tippets are fine.

**23. Waders:** We mostly wade wet in midsummer with felt-soled wading shoes. Check for you specific trip. When we us waders, we like the lightest stocking foot type available. Flyweight hippers are light enough anytime. Very light felt wading shoes are highly recommended. Neoprene socks can replace your "keep wet" socks above. **Orvis** Clearwater Endura stockingfoot breathable waders are great.

**24. Fly Floatant (paste), clippers, hemostat, ketchum release, split shot, and strike indicators.** Only small amounts needed.

**25. Flies:** Bring all your favorites. They're light. We will also have the right ones for sale on your arrival. Your old favorites can surprise you. The following is my standard list. It covers all your bases. Nymphs: Hare's Ear #12-16, Beadhead Hare's Ear #12-16, Copper John #12-18, Olive Scud #12, Trueblood shrimp #12, Martinez Black #12, Pheasant Tail #12-18, Matt's Fur #8-10, Brassie #18-20. Dries: Irresistible Wulff #10-12, Ausable Wulff #12-16, Elk Hair Caddis #12-16, Adams Parachute #12-18, Adams #18-20, Griffith Gnat #16-18, Stimulator #12-14, Clump Parachute #18. Streamers: Wooly Bugger #6-8, Yarn Leach #6-8.

**26. Fishing Vest or Pack:** Great to keep things organized. Pare before you arrive. There are a number of small chest or fanny packs that are light and work great.

**27. Cheaters:** magnifying glasses.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**28. Water Bottle:** Nice for mixing juice. Should have a large mouth. Quart size.

**29. Camera:** Not necessary, but nice to record your trip. Check battery.

**30. Mosquito Repellent:** A must in summer.

**31. Chapstick:** A must at high altitude.

**32. Sunscreen:** A must at high altitude. Some also like **handcream**, if they get very dry.

**33. Bandana:** Blowing your nose, etc.

**34. Small Towel and/or wash cloth:** (Pack towels OK).

**35. Flashlight or Headlamp:** Make sure it is very small and light with new batteries.

- 36. **Knife:** A small pocketknife is useful.
- 37. **Toothbrush and Toothpaste.**
- 38. **Hiking Poles:** with shocks in the handles...can help the old knees.
- 39. Toilet articles and medicines keep to a minimum.

**What we provide:** We provide all food and cooking/eating gear, toilet paper, maps, and first aid supplies. We maintain a large supply of backup gear and clothing should you come up short. We can provide packs, pads, fly fishing gear, sleeping bags and tents. We maintain a large stock of flies, leaders, floatant, and tippet. **Not provided:** accommodations and meals before and after your trip, as well as the appropriate licenses and **gratuities**.

## TRANSPORTATION

You should plan on arriving for gear checking by mid-afternoon of the day before your trip begins. We can pick you up at the Riverton, Wyoming airport, which is serviced from Denver by Great Lakes Airlines (Frontier and United). You can plan on getting to the airport for the earliest flight the day after your trip. For those driving, you will be able to leave by mid-afternoon on the last day of the trip. Salt Lake City is 4 and 1/2 hours; Jackson is 3 hours; Casper 2 and 1/2; Denver 6. You will need to rent a car if you fly into these airports, but it can be considerably cheaper. Large groups should consider larger airports as Riverton is only serviced with 19 passenger planes. Please let us know your arrival plans.

## PHYSICAL CONDITION

It is not necessary to be in perfect physical condition to go in the mountains via horseback or to walk while horses or goats carry your gear. However, those persons with recurrent back, heart, or knee conditions should inform us of their medical situation so that we can evaluate and consult. An incident in the backcountry could have serious consequences. The better condition you and your feet are in, the more pleasant your trip. Any physical conditioning is good: walking, tennis, jogging, running stairs, weights--all can help. Our trips are at a minimum of 9000 feet in altitude up to 12,000 feet. Any exercise that makes you breathe hard will benefit you at our elevation. Arrival a few days prior to your trip is very helpful for acclimatization. Your boots should be well broken in and your feet as tough and callused as possible to prevent blisters. We highly recommend (for those riding) to get their legs, etc. in shape by actually **riding** as much as possible prior to the trip.

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## MEET

George and Hank Hunker, 2939 Sinks Canyon Rd. Take road to Sinks Canyon State Park (WY 131) from 5<sup>th</sup> Street in the center of Lander. Go about 6 miles to the end of the long, curved guard-rail on the left. Turn right just before the blue sign and go up the steep hill. This is 2939 and there are small numbers on a post.

Jim Ferguson, 660 Evergreen Lane. Turn away from the mountains (north) at 6<sup>th</sup> Street off of Main St. in Lander. Go 3 blocks to Amoretti and turn left. Look for Evergreen Lane on right within a block. Once on Evergreen, go straight ahead to the white house.