Moose Hunt Gear list

- 1. High quality rain gear (Sitka, Kuiu, or Helly Hansen) (pants and jacket)
- 2. Good clothing that can be layered and adjusted for hiking (synthetic or down layers are great)
  - a. Our guides use a 2–3 layer system for their upper body and lower body. Base layers with a hunting pant and a rain pant cover are my system for my lower body. Same for my upper body except with a rain jacket. The rain gear also serves as an excellent wind break. I want a system that I can change quickly as the weather and the physical activity changes
  - b. Sitka and Kuiu are all gear companies that help you design your gear system and make it easy to set up good clothing. There is nothing wrong with wool and old school clothing either.
  - c. Set up your clothing so you can minimize sweating
- 3. High ankle hiking boots or rubber knee boots (if leather we highly recommend you use "snowseal" or other waterproofing on the leather, will keep your boots dryer longer, the Alaska range can be very wet)
  - a. rubber boot brands like muck boots or lacrosse work very well, make sure they are insulated for colder temps, and they fit well.
- 4. Wading System: We recommend "Wiggys Lightweight Waders" wading sock. Very lightweight and compact.
- 5. Lots of good socks
- 6. Backpack (should be at least 4000 cubic inches of space)
- 7. Lightweight rifle (popular calibers: .30 caliber of some kind)
- 8. Light tough gloves for grabbing brush and protection your hands
- 9. Heavier mitts or gloves for wearing on top of glassing knobs, waterproof gloves/mitts are better
- 10. Beanie or warm hat,
- 11. Reliable headlamp with extra batteries
- 12. Sleeping Bag
- 13. Sitting pad for glassing

## Personal gear weight limit for flight into camp: 50 lbs.

Our moose hunts occur in the Alaska range. We hunt the bottom 1/3 of the mountain hillsides and the valleys throughout the area. Hunters should expect some hiking up some hillsides and into valleys along the river bottoms. We highly recommend good physical training before coming on this hunt. There is a good chance we will find most of the moose on the hillsides at around 1000-1500 elevation from camp. We do not utilize any motorized vehicles to pack moose meat so we generally don't shoot any of our moose farther than a couple miles from camp but sometimes we can take hikes that can be 5-6 miles round trip.

We hunt by hiking to glassing knobs and then spot moose from there. Fall weather can be nasty. Bring clothes to keep you warm while we glass. Fall weather temps can be 30-50 degrees generally. We generally spot and stalk moose, but we do a bit of calling as well as the rut picks up.

Shooting distance can vary greatly but we generally try for 300 yds and less. We will always try and close the distance as much as necessary. We recommend feeling comfortable shooting with sticks, off a tree, or off a pack rest.