

# Ghost Travel Safety

There are occasional patrols and no services in the Ghost FLUZ, so plan your trip carefully. No regular maintenance occurs in this area and natural and/or man-made hazards may exist and may or may not be marked. Rivers and creeks may rise quickly after a storm and are often higher in the afternoon than in the morning. Consider that the weather can change suddenly in the mountains and foothills and temperatures can fall to freezing at any time of the year. Avalanche control and snow studies are not conducted in the Ghost FLUZ.

Some recommendations:

- Before you plan your trip into the backcountry, let friends or relatives know the route you intend to take and your travel schedule.
- Bring the following items:
  - 1:50 000 topographic map(s) of the area you will travel
  - Compass or GPS unit with extra batteries
  - Warm, waterproof clothing
  - Matches (in waterproof container)
  - Change of socks
  - Headlamp or flashlight and extra batteries
  - First-aid kit
  - Tool kit, spare parts, patch kit for bicycle or OHV
  - Enough food to last the trip, and water to last between fill-ups
  - A shovel, beacon and probe for any winter travel
  - Bear spray
  - Local sporting good stores may sell map sheets and/or trail books of the area
- Travel with at least one companion.
- Pack out all garbage.
- Do not attract, feed or disturb wildlife.
- Watch for signs or check with information sources about fire hazard conditions. Campfires may, at times, be restricted or prohibited. By making fire prevention part of your summer plans, you can avoid starting an accidental wildfire, and being held responsible for it.
- Never hike after dark.

