



Location
of
Gaedek
Lake and
Alatna
River



Village of Bettles, above the Arctic Circle



Otter flying in to Bettles with crashed plane from wilderness lake



Gates of the Arctic Ranger Station in Bettles, AK



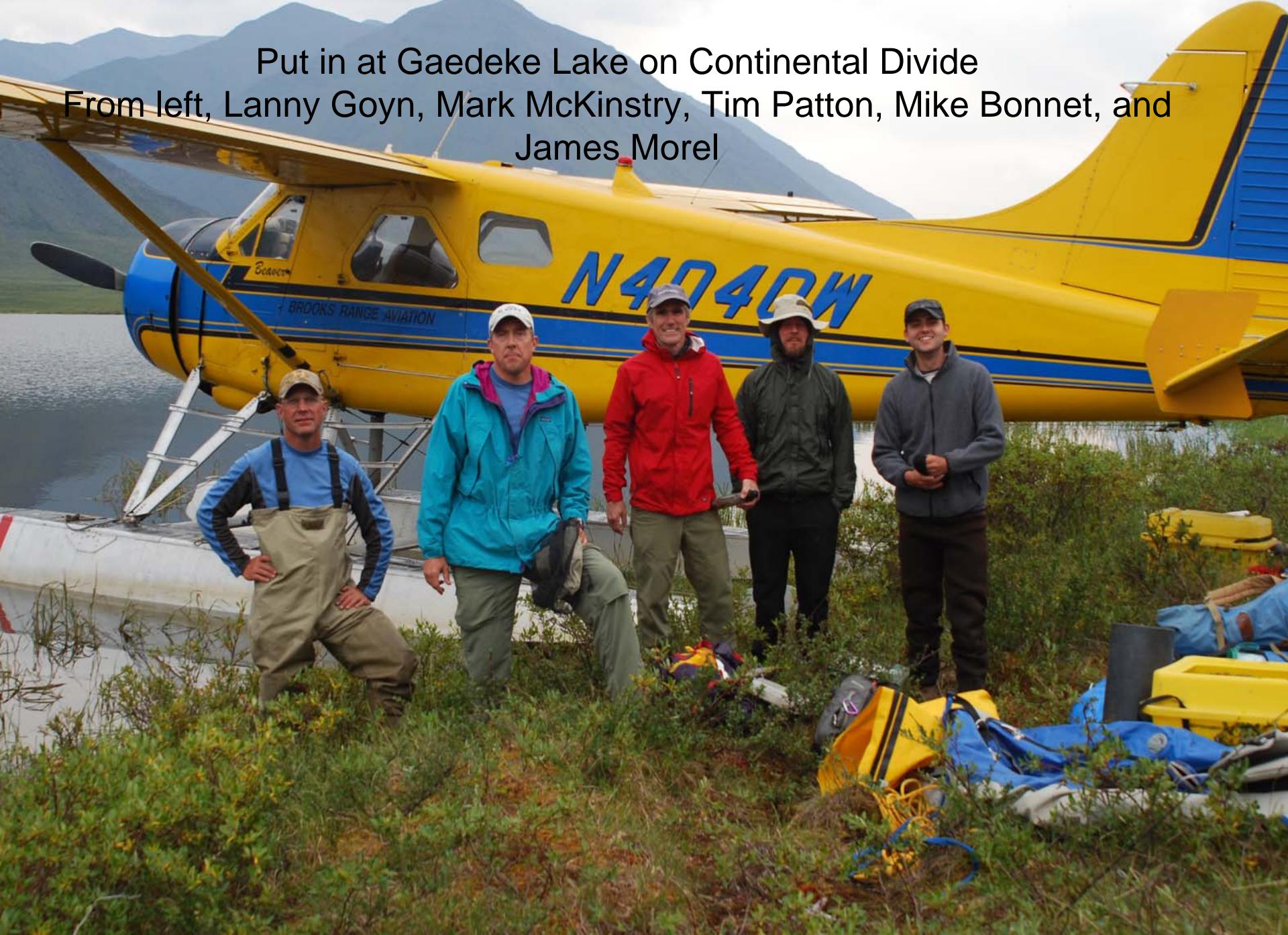
Sorting gear in hanger at Brooks Range Aviation in Bettles,
AK



Put-in Lake Gaedeke on Continental Divide in Brooks Range, AK



Put in at Gaedeke Lake on Continental Divide
From left, Lanny Goyn, Mark McKinstry, Tim Patton, Mike Bonnet, and
James Morel



Tim waving goodbye to floatplane



Mound of gear at put-in



James with Lake trout from outlet of Gaedeke Lake, Alatna River



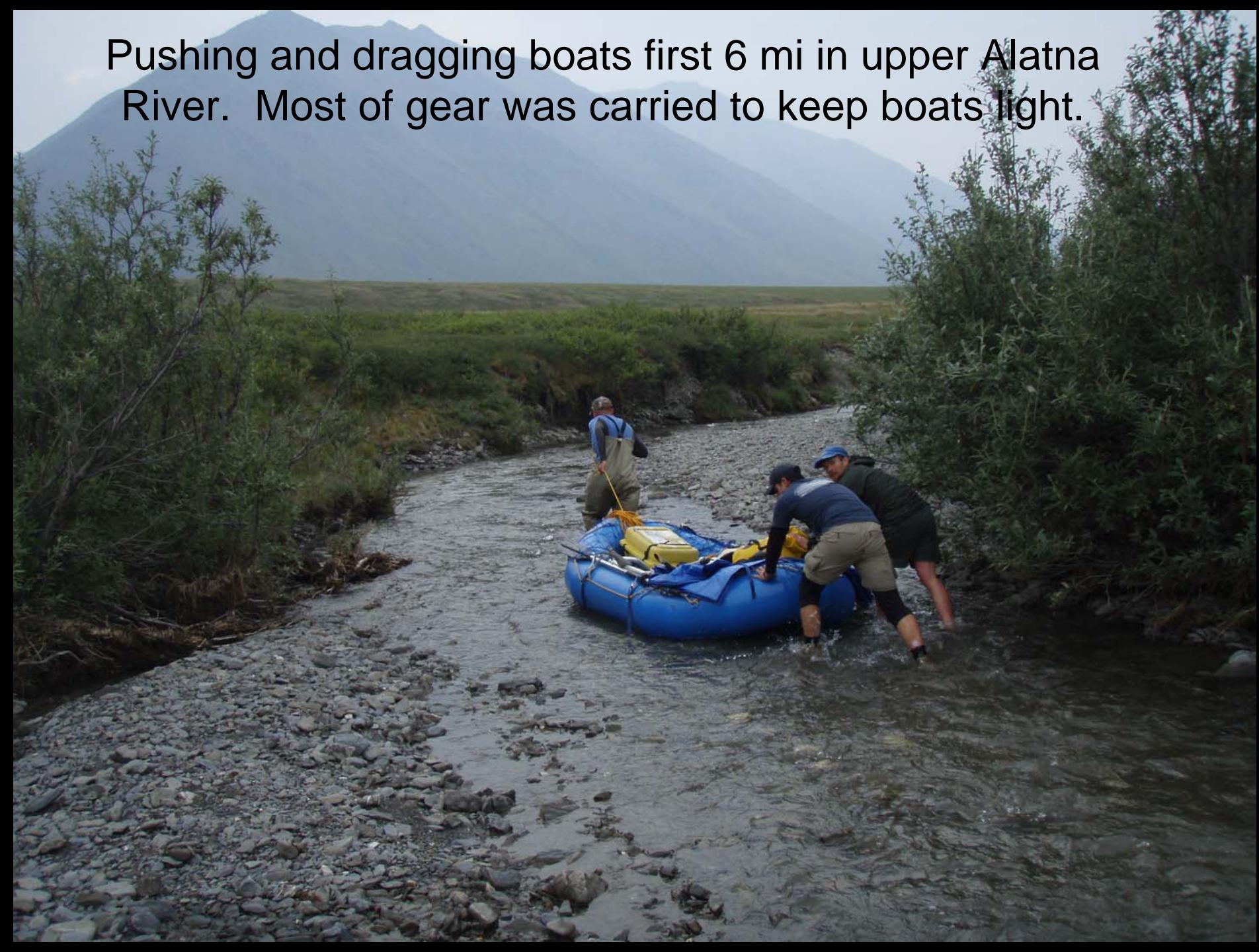
Portaging gear in upper Alatna River



Caribou moving through valley



Pushing and dragging boats first 6 mi in upper Alatna River. Most of gear was carried to keep boats light.



Alatna River on first day.



Second night's camp on Alatna River



Typical scenery in upper Alatna



Typical river conditions in upper Alatna River



Upper Alatna River



Big brown bear coming into camp



James scaring bear in camp



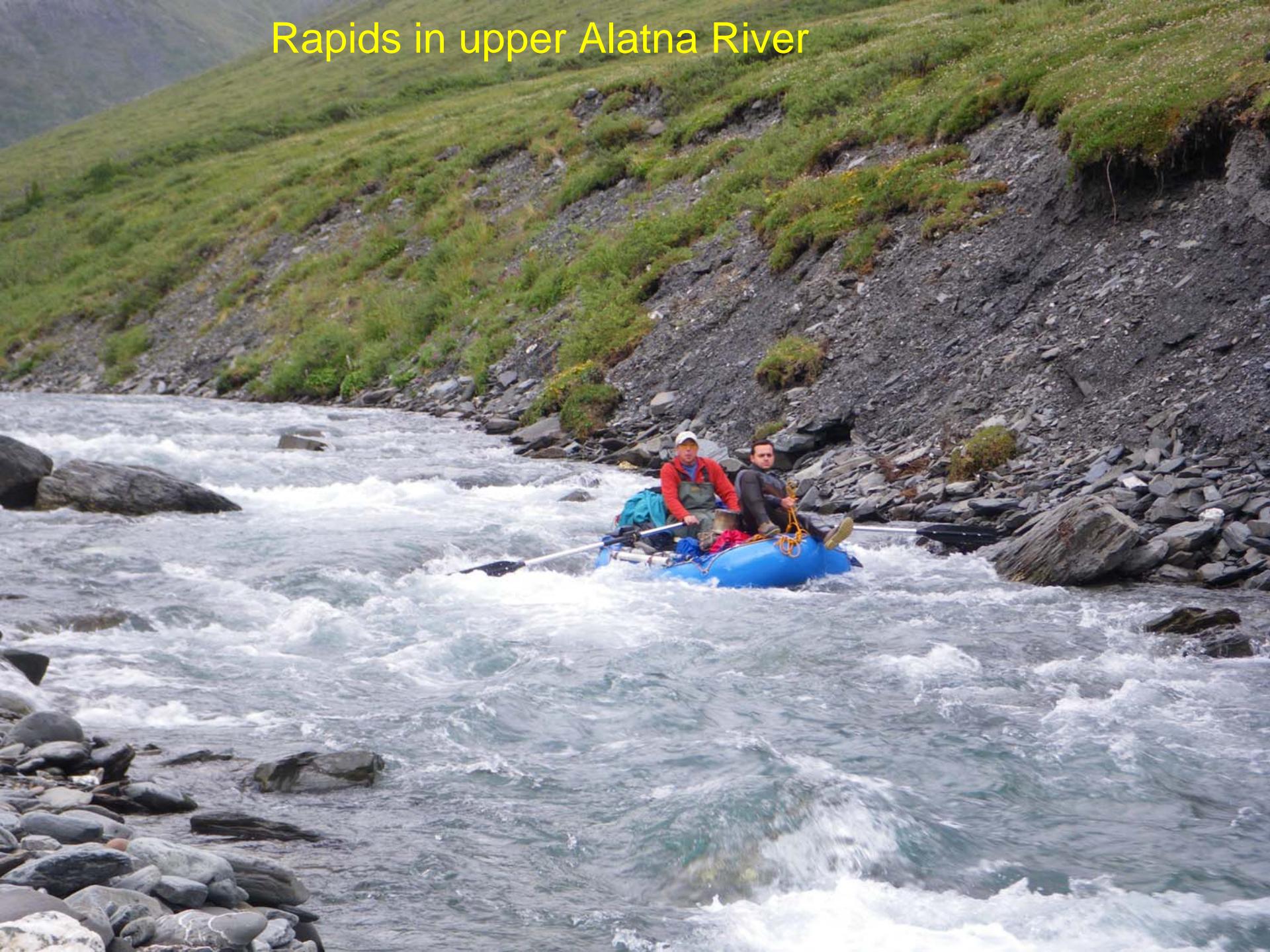
Bear leaving camp



Upper Alatna River valley



Rapids in upper Alatna River



Tim, James, Mark, and Lanny on middle Alatna



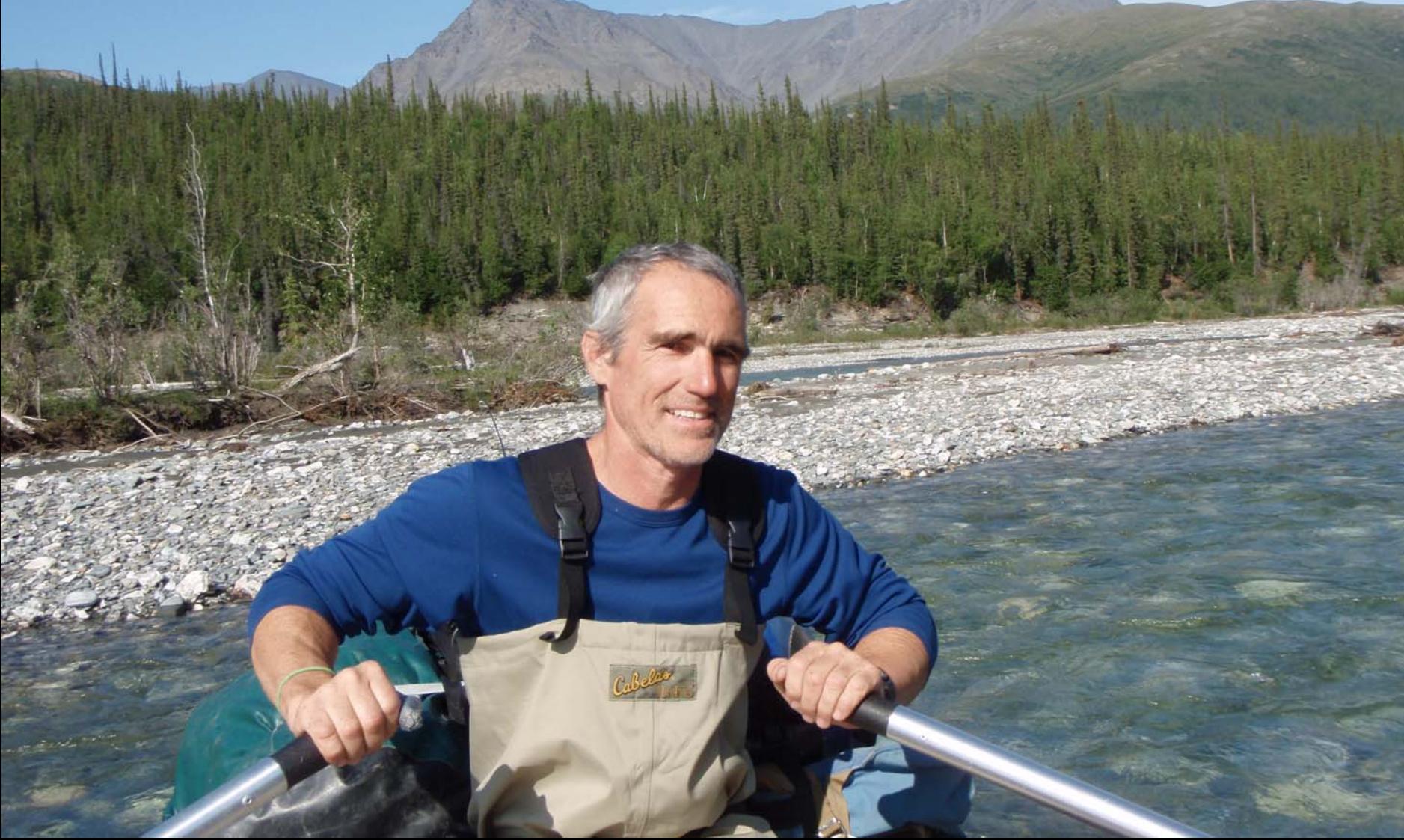
River getting bigger on third day



Caribou in Alatna River Valley



Tim Patton, upper Alatna River

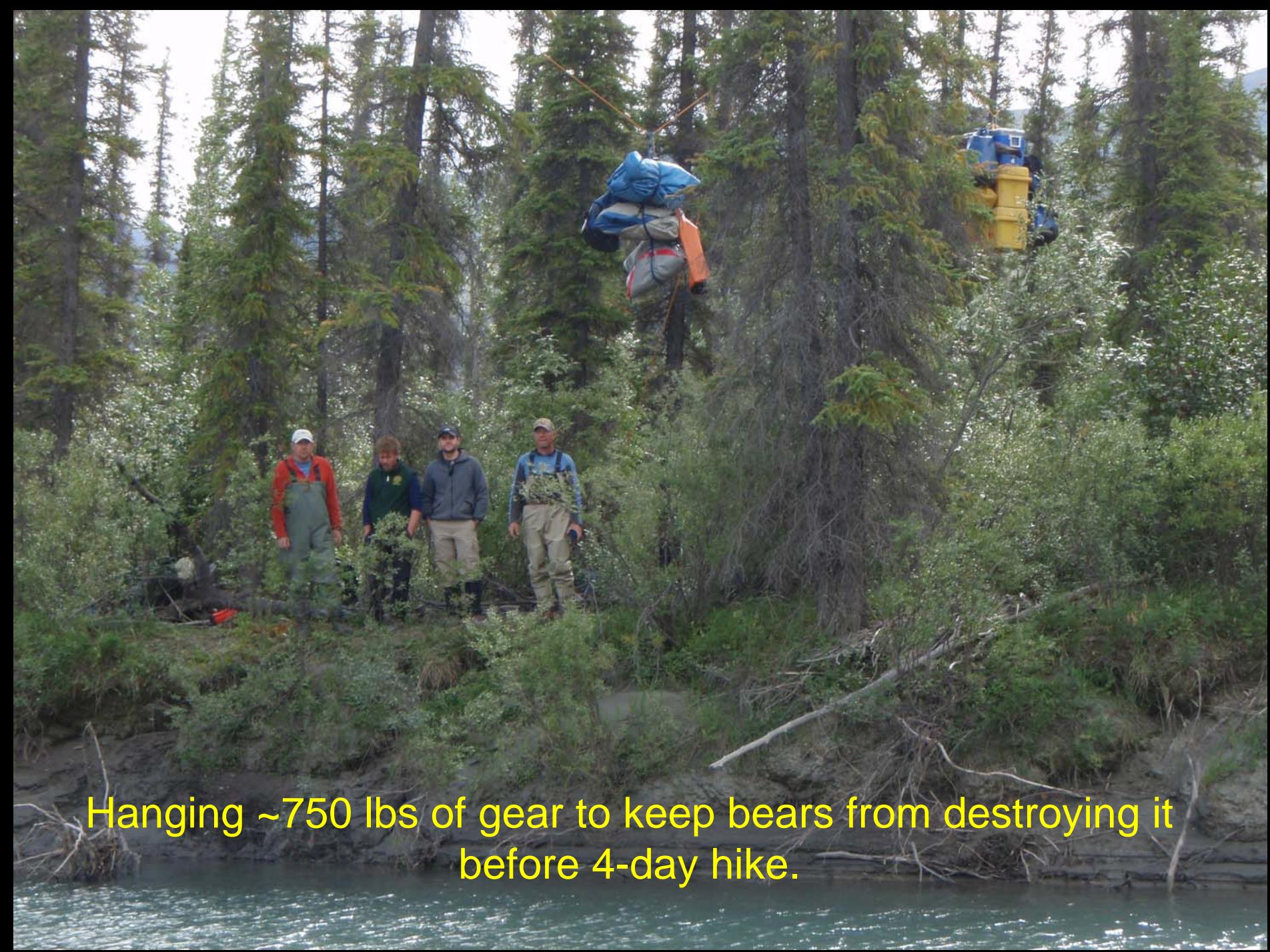


Cooking area separate from tents, typical dinner ~ 11pm at night—the sun never set



Looking up Arrigetch Valley from Alatna River.
Hike/bushwack goes 7-9 mi up this valley.



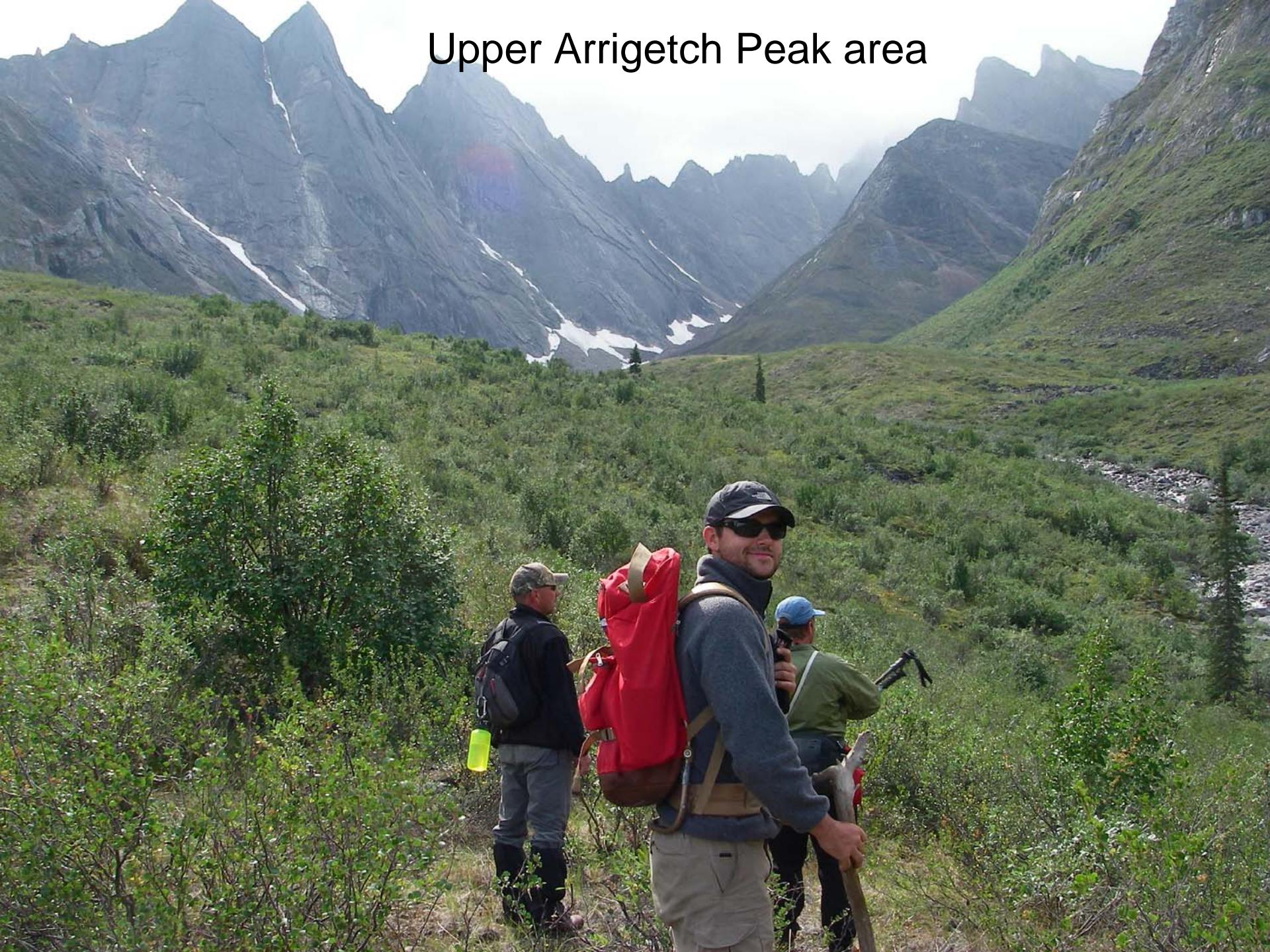


Hanging ~750 lbs of gear to keep bears from destroying it before 4-day hike.

Hiking up Arrigetch Creek, alders were THICK



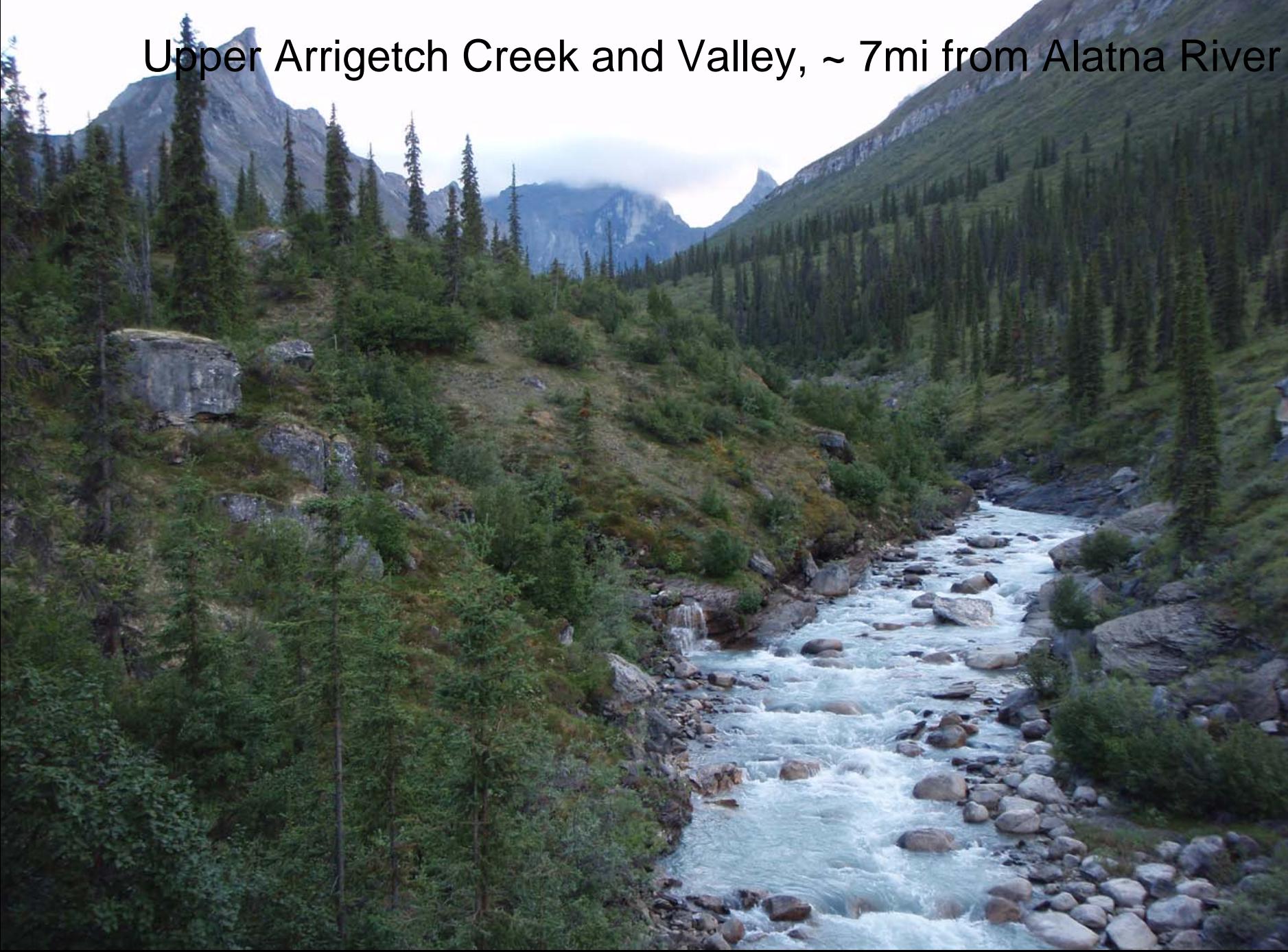
Upper Arrigetch Peak area



Arrigetch Creek



Upper Arrigetch Creek and Valley, ~ 7mi from Alatna River



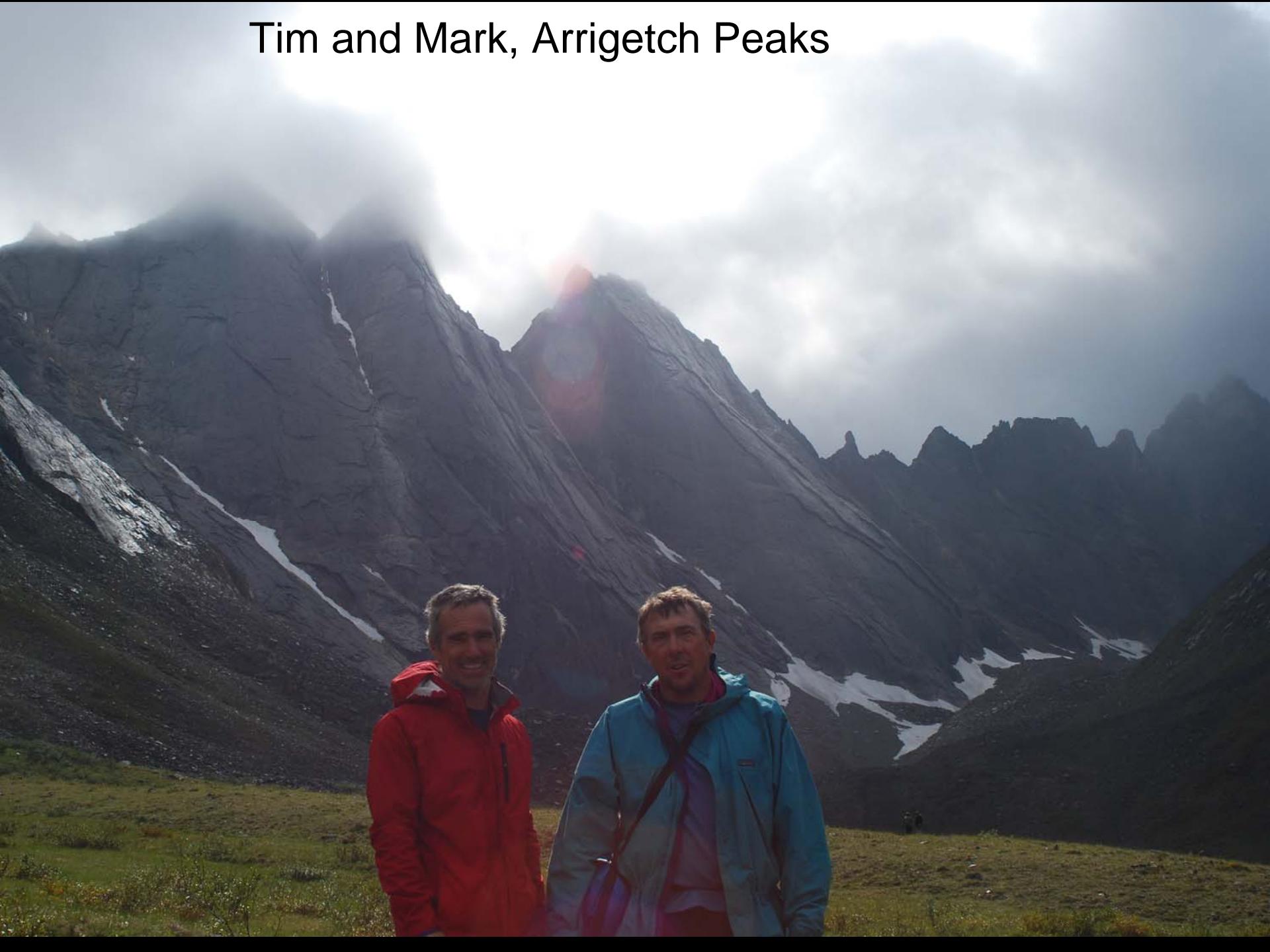
Aquarius Valley in Arrigetch Peak Cirque



Upper Arrigetch Peak area



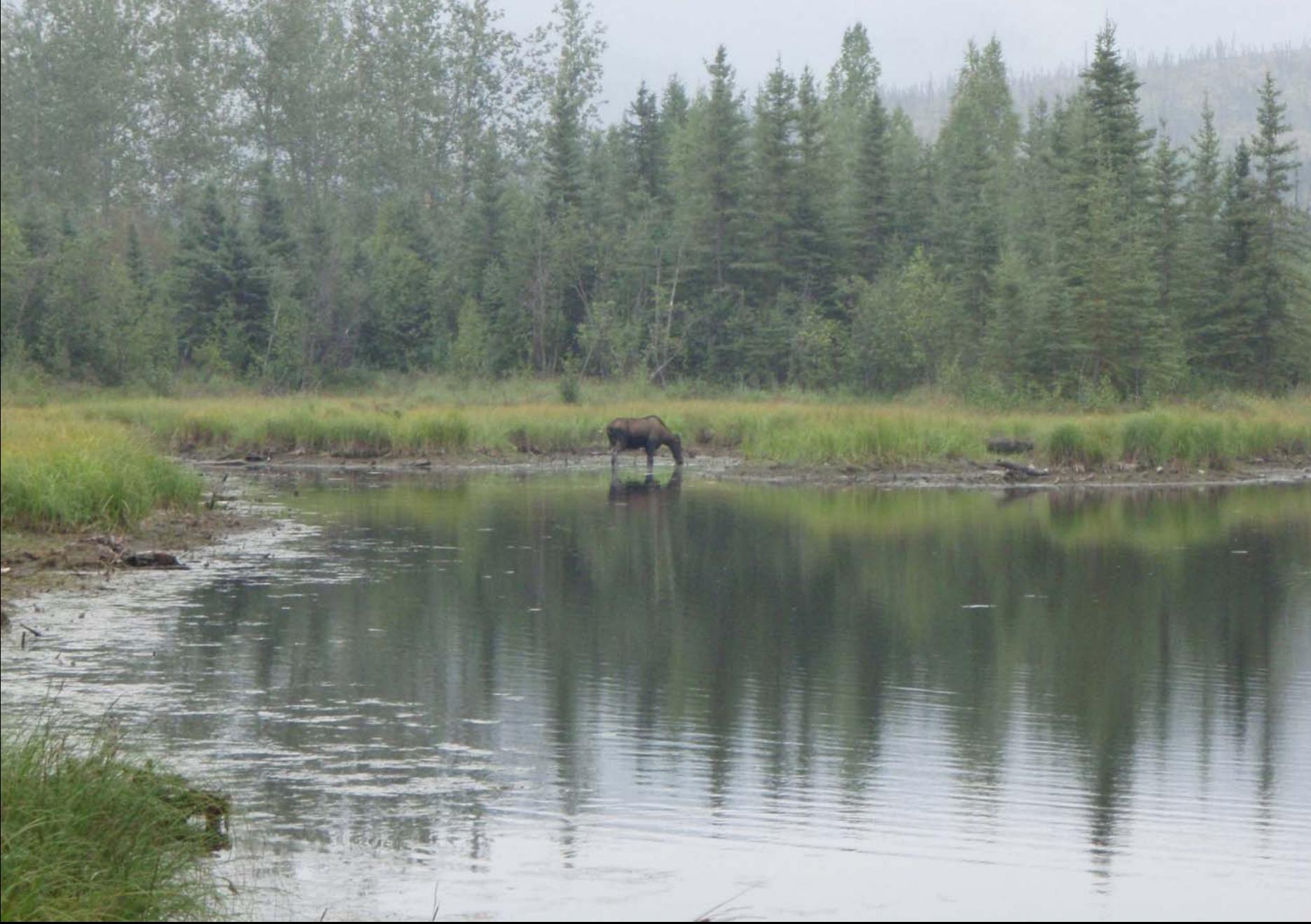
Tim and Mark, Arrigetch Peaks



Aquarius Valley, Upper Arrigetch Peak Cirque



Moose on pond



Tim being a man in Man's Country



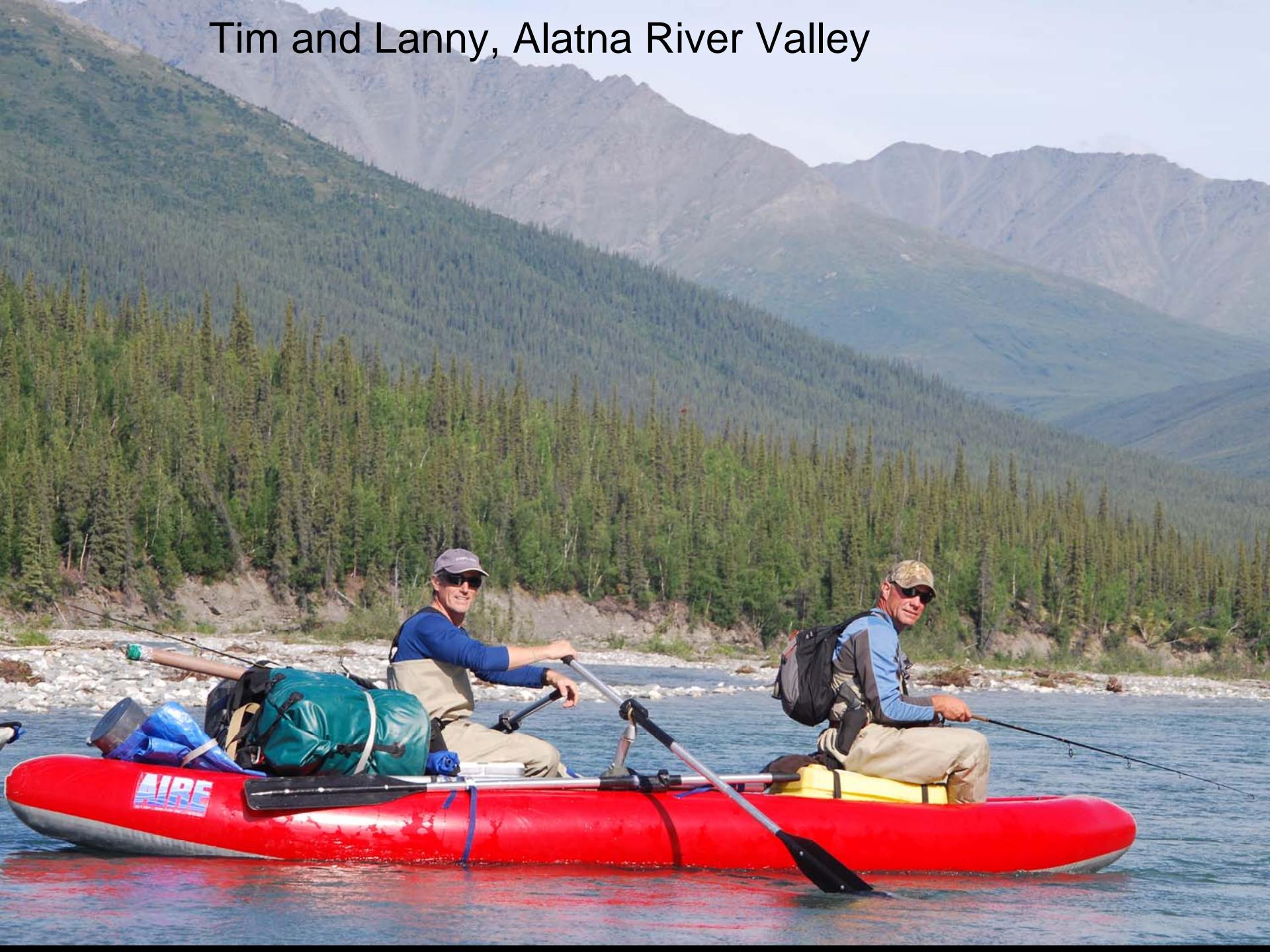
Caribou skull



Typical scenery, Alatna River



Tim and Lanny, Alatna River Valley



Typical camp site and kitchen on Alatna, River



James, Lanny, Tim, Mike, and Mark, Alatna River





Portaging boats 1 mile to take-out Lake Takahula



Portaging gear to take-out lake

Take-out lake, Takahula Lake



Lanny, Tim, and James with northern pike—all the food we had at the end of the trip.



Our Otter ride back to Bettles



Bunkhouse at Brooks Range Aviation airstrip in Bettles, AK

SKID ROW

