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*A footpath in the Kaniksu National Forest.*

**Please Note:** Risk is always a factor in backcountry, high-mountain, and desert travel. Many activities described in this book can be potentially dangerous. Weather can be unpredictable in Idaho. Snow in August is not unheard of. Washed-out roads, gumbo-like desert mud, rock slides, snow avalanches, and high winds are just a few of the hazards you may encounter. Judge your driving skills and your outdoor experience objectively, choosing expeditions that fit. The author has done her best to provide readers with accurate information about backcountry travel, as well as to point out potential hazards. It is the responsibility of the users of this guide to learn the necessary skills for safe backcountry travel, and to exercise caution in potentially hazardous areas. The author and publisher disclaim any liability for injury or other damage that may be caused by traveling in the backcountry, or from performing any other activity described in this book.

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*The end of the trail. A tough journey in Idaho's Lemhi Range leads to an alpine lake and snow fields that linger into July.*



*Conifers that look like fine green shawls drape over streams and rivers in the Upper Priest River Scenic Area. This photo was taken on the Upper Priest River Trail in Expedition 4.*

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