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1st of August, sunny with 6.7 m/s southerly wind

E 25514327 N 6878031 Kulu River, 17 degrees C, 22:39
1st of August, sunny with 6.7 m/s southerly wind

At six p.m. we realized that the waterlevel in the river was raising so fast, that it would was us out before the sunset at 11 p.m. We packed everything together, loaded our heavy canoe and set off down a winding, fast river. We traveled 12 km:s in an hour!

Scenery is spectacular with lush green, steep mountains covering most of the eastern half of the river. Lot's of sediment, so it is impossible to see floating trees or other obstacles in the river. So far, easy going, though. We're forced to continue tomorrow, whether we like it or not. Waterlevels are rising fast, no place to camp.



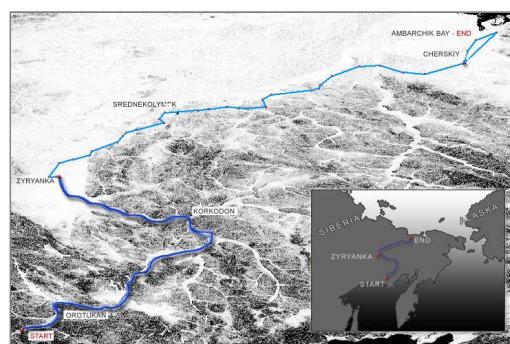
Panicky packing

E 25514327 N 6878031 Kulu-floden, 17 grader, 22:39 1 augusti, soligt med 6.7 sekundmeter stark sydlig vind.

Klockan sex på eftermiddagen insåg vi att vattennivån i floden höjdes drastiskt och att om vi inte å det snaraste packade ihop, skulle vi sköljas bort under natten. Snabbt packade vi ihop vår omfattande packning, fick ned det i kanoten och gav oss iväg ned längs slingrande, snabb flod. Vi avverkade 12 km på en timme! Omgivningen är bedårande vacker och präglas av lummiga och gröntäckta, tvära berg, som täcker flodens östsida. Floden är fyld av sediment, så det är svårt att upptäcka träd och andra hinder som gömmer sig i floden. Men ännu är det rena semestern. Även om vi skulle Behöva ett dygns till paus, så tvingas vi fortsätta imorrrn. Vattennivån höjs dramatiskt snabbt.

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31/7 2004 - E 520682 N 6872097 Kulu River 14 degrees Celsius, raining

From now on, for a long time, we'll be living with a constant smell of smoke from fires, sweaty feet, garlic, farts and an incredibly clear and crisp mountain air.

We've pitched camp on a sandb

**30/7 2004 - Between heaven and hell**

Kulu, tributary river to Kolyma

E 520682

N 682097 (Old Sovjet Grid)



Johan Ivarsson;

At last, at last, we are on our way! After all this time of preparations and waiting, we've fina

**Last day in Magadan, another hot, traffic polluted and sunny day 29/7 2004**

Executing long and grueling expeditions is extremely stressful. Understandable if one considers the fact that one little mistake could mean that one will loose everything one has strived for or even I



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