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Re: PLBs for Fishing Alone
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Cellphones still have GPS contact when completely out of cell service. I've actually been able to watch the blue dot on my iphone progress along as I walked through a remote state game lands area. It helped me navigate for a while until I walked off the map. Once you go off the map that had loaded while you had cell reception, the map turns into a grey grid and you can't tell where you're at, but the phone is still in contact with GPS satellites and the blue dot continues to move across the grid.

I fish alone in remote places often. I always send an email or leave a note for my wife so there is a written record of where I'll be and when I'll be home. If I move from one place to another, I send a text or call her while I'm in transit. I've almost always been able to get cell reception while in transit, even in the ANF.

I've looked into the spot device PatrickC mentioned, but some of the reviews on the device were not so good. It seems the messages were not received some of the time and it does not work in dense forest (based on reviews on Cabelas website). I have not been able to convince myself to spend the money on a device that may not work. Glad to hear that PatrickC has had a good experience with the the Spot device, I may reconsider now.

The goal is to go fishing, be safe, come home, and go fishing again.