

ComancheZOOM for Thursday, May 21, 2026

Topic: Emergency Bug-out Bag

We embarked on a project to bring a forced-landing, Bug-Out Bag to the Comanche world a few years ago. We may also offer this product to the wider general aviation audience. However, for now we are focused on our own members. Hopefully you can help by vetting the following list of emergency items and by making suggestions.

The objective of this project was to offer an affordable escape bag that any aviator can grab as he/she departs the aircraft under difficult circumstances. Perhaps there is a fire, and the priority is to get crew and self to a safe distance. Perhaps someone is injured, and all the focus is on providing medical attention. Nevertheless, the thinking behind this package is to have a duffel on the floor, behind or under the copilot's seat, that can be instinctively grabbed on the way out. The bag should come away cleanly and secure its contents without distracting from other more immediate matters.

This bag is stuffed with all the important little things we should have/could have picked up before but never got around to. For example, water. We all know there is a need to carry a gallon or two per soul on board, but how many have the discipline to do so even once, let alone every time? Two or three gallons of this precious substance may be stuffed away somewhere in the rear, but we have only so many hands and there will be more pressing matters at the time

The Bug-Out Bag has a bottle of water, and the means to replenish it, so the last thing you need to be thinking of as you exit the aircraft, is finding a stream and sucking on a straw. The idea behind this Bug-Out Bag is to get you through the first 72 hours as comfortably as possible, taking into account likely scenarios, allowing you to focus all your attention on injuries and getting rescued. Covering the basics costs less than \$300, after we add our markup (more on this later). Electronic gadgets are not in the basic offering, simply because of cost.

A consensus on what is needed will help us tailor the package to the widest audience and hopefully allow us to negotiate discounts.

The tribe needs money to continue to function at its current high level so our "mark-up" on this offering could well be considered a donation to the common cause. An indication of your interest in purchasing this product and contributing to our future would be most appreciated.

Maybe this Christmas a Bug-Out Bag will be a gift to yourself, one that will keep on giving year-after-year, as a piece of mind when you are flying over some desolate region. So, enjoy the presentation below, and give us feedback via the email address below.

If there is enough interest, perhaps 100 to 200, the next stage will be to construct a prototype, ensure that everything fits in a bag, and determine a final price. In the meanwhile, let's have fun creating it.

Stay tuned for part 2: Medical triage and 1st response aid.

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- <http://meetings.northeastcomanche.org/zoom/2026-05-21/video.mp4>
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