

KNOW YOUR SPRAY

A story related to me by an Anchorage police officer.

An Alaskan bush pilot was airlifting an ecologically sensitive New Yorker to a remote salmon river and, noticing the apparent greenhorn lacked any firearm, offered to loan him a suitable .44 Magnum in case he encountered a brown bear. The Modern Sensitive Man, however, no-thanked him and confidently reported he already had just the thing, 10% oleoresin capsicum, a powerful bear repellent. Depositing him on an isolated sandbank, the pilot hardly had lifted away and thought he saw a world record salmon flopping where he'd left the greenhorn. But upon relanding to investigate, he found the flopping form was merely the man who'd sprayed himself, as if the repellent were of the mosquito variety.

LESSON LEARNED: In addition to grizzlies and brownies, 10% oleoresin capsicum definitely repels Modern Sensitive Men.