

MARBLE POINT TRAVERSE NOTIFICATION REPORT

Pre-traverse Report for Senior U.S. Representative, Antarctica, and RPSC Station Manager

- 1) **Dates of Traverse:**
Depart MCM:
Return MCM:

- 2) **Reason for Traverse:**

- 3) **Traverse Leader:**

Department:	Name:
a)	

- 4) **Traverse Members:**

Department:	Name:
a)	

- 5) **Traverse Personnel Remaining at Marble Point:**
a)

- 6) **Marble Point Personnel Returning to McMurdo Station:**
a)

- 7) **Traverse Vehicles:**
a)

- 8) **General Outline of Cargo:**
a)

- 9) **Timetable:**
 - a) Anticipated McMurdo departure time:
 - b) Anticipated Marble Point arrival time:
 - c) Anticipated on-site time:
 - d) Anticipated Marble Point departure time:
 - e) Anticipated McMurdo arrival time:

- 10) **Notification to Search and Rescue:**
 - a) Copied on this notice

- 11)

Additional Information:

- a) Traverse group is stocked with _____ days' supply of food and _____ days' supply of water.

Note: Per OP-M-450, minimum requirements are food and water for twice the expected duration of the traverse, but not less than food for 3 days and water for 6 days.

- b) The party is also equipped with GPS units, extra VHF radios, Survival bags, sleep kits, personal ECW bags, changes of clothing, first aid kit, tools, grease, oils, glycol, tow chains/straps/cables, ice drills, fuel pump, traverse fuel tank, traverse supply and tool box #21, trail markers, etc.

MARBLE POINT TRAVERSE COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

COMMUNICATIONS FREQUENCY PLAN

VHF Communications will be the primary means by which the Marble Point Traverse will communicate with McMurdo Station.

Call Signs

- Mac Ops
- Marble Point Traverse
- Firehouse

VHF Frequencies

- Primary: U.S. Crater Hill Mac Ops (channel #3)
- Secondary: U.S. Wright Valley (channel 12)
- Tertiary: Relay from Marble Point Station via radio telephone

An IRIDIUM Phone will be the Secondary means by which the Marble Point Traverse will communicate with McMurdo Station. IRIDIUM Number: _____.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

1. Traverse leader will complete a standard checkout with Mac Ops upon departure from McMurdo Station.
2. Estimated Time of Arrival will be established.
3. Upon arrival at Marble Point Station, or upon reaching the Estimated Time of Arrival, which ever comes first, the traverse leader will notify Mac Ops via VHF Radio or Telephone.

CONTINGENCY

In the event that the Marble Point Traverse Party cannot make VHF contact upon reaching the Estimated Time of Arrival, the Traverse Party will immediately attempt to contact Mac Ops via the IRIDIUM Phone.

If communications are established, the Traverse Leader will provide detailed information as to why the Traverse Party has been delayed and will establish a new Estimated Time of Arrival or establish a check in time if appropriate due to equipment failure or storm conditions.

If communications are not accomplished, Mac Ops will initiate appropriate procedures for overdue Check-In of Traverse Party.

Note: The return traverse to McMurdo from Marble Point, on _____ will follow the same Communications Plan.