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BJ> Another thing to consider for a survival kit, at least here in Washington  
BJ> State, WOOL clothing. Wool is one of the few fabrics which have the  
BJ> ability to keep you warm even when wet. (And as you might well know, here  
BJ> in Washington state it is often wet!) Having done considerable  
BJ> back-packing in the Olympics, I always wore wool clothing: pants, shirts,  
BJ> coats, hat, and socks (men's nylon stockings underneath). Used military  
BJ> wool clothing, which can be purchased at the Goodwell store, works great.  
BJ> I taught a survival class a few times and had a demonstration showing that  
BJ> when wet, it is better to be naked than wear wet cotton clothing. To  
BJ> see for yourself, fill a few 1 gallon used coleman fuel cans with 100  
BJ> degree water. Have each can wrapped in different cloth, say cotton, wool,  
BJ> ski jacket, acetate, polyester, and one with no cloth on it. Thoroughly  
BJ> wet each can and cloth and let set out side in a slight breeze for about  
BJ> an hour. Then use a thermometer to read the temperature of the water in  
BJ> each can. The several times I did the demonstration, the cotton can was  
BJ> several degrees colder than the bare can. The wool can was always the  
BJ> warmest. (When dry, however, cotton holds the heat better than the wool,  
BJ> but by only a few degrees.) Bill

Yes. I frequently forget to add information about wool when I am writing.  
Thanks for reminding me! Also of note is that wolverine fur (on the endangered  
species list) is the only fur that will not ice up when used as a ruff for a  
parka hood.