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2014 Buyers Guide

The Fun Stuff – Men’s and Women’s Packs

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- 4. **GREGORY**
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It hit us when we were checking out surf gear at a trade show: Snow is just a frozen wave. (Yeah, brilliant.) That's how we became obsessed with surf packs. They're rugged, simple, and—here's the key—designed for wet gear. The Interval has nifty organizers, a fleece eyewear stash, and an insulated zippered "cooler pocket" for beverages—handy on snow or sand.

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Looking to minimize airport baggage? The Surge double-dips as a carry-on and a roomy on-hill pack. It unobtrusively serves up a ridiculous amount of well-organized space for the alpine traveler, including a padded laptop compartment, a tablet sleeve, and a neat external side pocket for power-cords. Wide, molded shoulder straps lighten your load.

The Sketch 25 commuter backpack. We're OK with it on the hill. The front pocket holds a water bottle, an extra layer, and some snacks. The core of the pack is well organized and the nifty roll closure makes easy access on slopes. And for a standard resort day, we like it streamlined with minimal straps and tie-downs to in the way.

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