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Posted by [Kai Heckel](#) on Fri, 29 May 2015 12:48:42 GMT  
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This should suffice;

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  openw,lun1,'fileinfo.txt', /get_lun
  FOR i = 0, N_ELEMENTS(files_all) DO $
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END
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Try

help, files\_all

it's an array

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