

The site of Moore Creek needs to be examined on the ground to determine its present condition. Further documentation from archival and local sources is needed to determine the sites historical significance, and archeological testing is required to evaluate the sites potential to contribute significant information. The site is on State-owned land.

Summit Roadhouse

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The remains of a structure are located on the winter trail between Flat and Takotna just over the summit on a tributary of Bonanza Creek (Plate C-33). Although the structure is almost completely collapsed, the metal roof is relatively intact (Plate C-34). The building was identified as Summit Roadhouse by Tony Gularte (pers. comm.), who camped in it in 1938 when it was still intact and in good condition.

Summit Roadhouse was mentioned as an important stop on Goodwin's 1910-11 survey of the winter trail between Flat and Takotna (Alaska Yukon Magazine XI:55). In 1931 Summit Roadhouse was used by one ARC crew as a shelter cabin. The ARC Annual Report that year noted that a new roof was installed on Summit Roadhouse (1931:56).

Several stacks of rotting cordwood were seen along Bonanza Creek in the vicinity of Montana and Little Montana Creeks about 3 miles below the Summit Roadhouse site (Plate C-35). According to Tony Gularte, the wood was cut and stacked back in the 1930's by John Snyder, a local woodsman. Snyder cut wood along Bonanza Creek to sell to the miners for their placer operations between 1913 and the 1930's.

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Halfway Cabin

This log cabin is located on the south side of Bonanza Creek approximately 8 miles southwest of Summit Roadhouse. It was briefly examined on the ground in 1976, before the land was patented to the State.

The small grassy clearing around the cabin also contains the rotting foundation logs of an older structure about 30 feet southeast of the standing cabin (Plate C-36). The existing cabin has a hand-carved sign posted above the door with the name "Halfway Cabin." The following inscription is inside the cabin above the doorway:

"Constructed by and for Moose Creek

Charles Salmi

Lars Indegaard

Contractors

March, 1939"

This dates the construction of the building, and other dates left on the cabin walls by visitors follow in time.