

Doyon, Ltd.: Historic and Cemetery Sites

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY

1. Site Number - GAL 5
 2. a. Indian Name of Site Nodaghus
 - b. English Name of Site Pilot Mountain
 - c. Variations Nodaros (Jetté), Notagash (Zagoskin), Little Mountain (Allen)
3. Map Reference NULATO 64°44'51"N/157°19'35"W T8S-T9S/R7E-R8E
4. Land Status Within 11(a)(1)
Part Not Selected, Part Regional Selection

COMMENTS

The story of Pilot Mountain has been part of the oral literature of the Galena and Koyukuk Indians as long as can be remembered. It was first recorded in the early 1900's by Father Julius Jette, Jesuit missionary at Nulato, and remains much the same today as it is told among the people. Briefly, the story recounts the travel of a giant man and his wife who came from the south where they were starving. Before reaching the Yukon he became very tired, laid down to sleep, and never awoke. Pilot Mountain is where he laid to rest and Bishop Mountain (see GAL 4) is where he laid his pack.

More practically, Pilot Mountain has served as an important land mark for travellers on foot, by boat, dog team and currently snow machine. Along with Bishop Mountain, these are the only two areas of considerable elevation amidst a vast expanse of a flats environment.