

SITE Unalakleet AHRS NO: UKT-004 INHT NO: 310A

OTHER SITE NAMES:

TRAIL SECTION:  
Seward-Rainy Pass \_\_\_\_\_  
Rainy Pass-Kaltag \_\_\_\_\_  
Kaltag-Nome X

LAND STATUS: ADP 4/7/81 pm

VILLAGE WVD; VILLAGE SEC;  
SCHOOL & CEM;  
HEADQUARTERS  
R/W RADIO

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Approximate \_\_\_\_\_ Actual \_\_\_\_\_  
Quad. UNK D4  
Township 19 S.  
Range 11 W.  
Section 3  
Subsection NE

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_  
Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

UTM REFERENCE:

A \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

LOCATION AND USE:

INSPECTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ Aerial \_\_\_\_\_ Onsite \_\_\_\_\_

STRUCTURAL TYPE: Shelter Structure \_\_\_\_\_ River Community \_\_\_\_\_  
Native Settlement \_\_\_\_\_ Mining Community \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

WALLS:	IN	OUT	FLOOR	ROOF	CORNER NOTCH
Log-Rough	_____	_____	Dirt	Sod	Unknown
Log-Hewn	_____	_____	Wood	Metal	_____
Frame	_____	_____	Other	Wd. Plank	_____
Drop Siding	_____	_____	Unknown	Wd. Shingle	_____
Wall Covering	_____	_____		Tar Paper	_____
Unknown	_____	_____		Unknown	_____

TREATMENT RECOMMENDED:

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Site Protection
- \_\_\_\_\_ Preservation/Stabilization
- \_\_\_\_\_ Restoration
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reconstruction
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adaptive Reuse
- \_\_\_\_\_ X National
- \_\_\_\_\_ Regional
- \_\_\_\_\_ Local

Estimated Treatment Costs \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated Planning/Research Costs \_\_\_\_\_

IDITAROD TRAIL INVENTORY

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MANAGEMENT RATING CRITERIA

ACCESS ----- 40 POINTS

- 5      Difficult  
    (Dog Sled, Snow Mach., Heli.)  
20      Medium  
    (1 Day Hike, Boat, Fixed-Wing)  
40      High  
    (Auto/Road, Short Hike)

CONDITION ----- 40 POINTS

- Not Located  
1      No Remains  
3      Ruin  
8      Poor (Roof In)  
15      Medium (Roof Intact)  
25      Good (Maintained)  
40      Restored

PRESENT VISITOR USE

- Frequent  
     Infrequent  
     None

POTENTIAL VISITOR USE--20 POINTS

- 20      High  
10      Medium  
5      Low

Total Points \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Unalakleet is nationally significant because of its association with the Iditarod National Historic Trail. It is also nationally significant due to the location of Western Union's trans-Siberian telegraph line which was surveyed and constructed for a short distance out of Unalakleet. The trans-Siberian telegraph system, when constructed, would have served as an around-the-world communication system. Unalakleet served as a primary trading settlement with roadhouses for many years. The last roadhouse at Unalakleet burnt in 1960. Unalakleet, at the mouth or the entrance to the prehistorically and historically Kaltag Portage, has been used throughout time by the Eskimo, Indian, Russian, early exploration groups, the WAMCATs' wireless telegraph system, mail runners, the serum runners, and travelers. The significant prehistoric, historic, and current uses of the Kaltag Portage are well known, and have been the subject of extensive research and documentation by other sources. The Kaltag Portage has been designated as an important segment in the Iditarod Trail.

REFERENCE:

SITE RECOMMENDATIONS: