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Moore Creek Halfway Cabin (IDT-031)

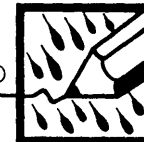
1 story log cabin (retains bark) with saddle notching. The wood plank roof has collapsed. Plank door frame (east orientation). 2 side windows. 3 small rusted traps still attached to roof frame. Inside: stovepipe. Outside: at least 2 pits (cache) close by cabin; some crockery (i.e. 2 bowls) several rusted barrel drums. Approximately 40-50 years east of the cabin is the remains of another cabin (?) - 1 log course, covered with plant growth, outlines a small square cabin square.



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TRIP TO FLAT 8

#DITAROD

8/12 - 8/15

BLM - INHT

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- 8 AM meeting with people at Fish & Wildlife Manager - Phil Figa (sp?)
 Sally & Ray Collins. Sally to be contact person for FWHT work - She has lots of article copies from area newspapers (e.g. Smoke City, Fairwood) will make available in exchange for guidance help in organizing collected materials. Loads tired of being involved need to encourage McCreath Historical Society to gather own area historical info. If use, utilize these the people in some way - i.e. copy photos & give back a good reprint **IDEAS!** Brochure for Fairwood trail & local area - educational - school projects.
- ~~More~~ More than people review anything related to McCreath area for accuracy
 - Contact Sharon Kepler in Flat (she & her husband own Pub.) & Donna McAlpine Anvik
 - Fish & Wildlife looking forward to acquiring housing new building will have Smoke area exhibit, BLM to do mobile exhibit
 - They will review ~~at~~ list of property types
 - Note, McCreath always a town not a village; focus on Neche trail use - which show still use for hunting, trapping
 - BLM - consistent trail markers to include various markers
 - Mining should refer to Inuvak at Fairwood
 - 10:40 AM - flight (Marta + Charles) to Flat.
 - Flew over Moore Creek Mining CAMP #DT-012

Compare
at Fairwood

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Met at Flat by Mrs. Ann Williams 72 (sister of Miscovitch) years old, very alert memory & active lady.
 Lived in Flat most of her life - will be in Anchorage later this month (husband had stroke last year)

She & her husband
 own the P.O.

met Sharon Kepler - invited us to use empty house in town.
 Belongs to John Fullerton

Took
 BLM helicopter looking for sites along the Tekotne to Flat trail. 2 landings:
 1. Moore Creek Halfway Cabin
 #DT-031

2. Bonanza Creek Ak Road Commission Relief Cabin, #DT-030

⑥ ANRS NO. EOT-031 elements P/13
MOORE Creek Highway Cabin 3.50 PM

Ruins: Roof fallen/collapsed
1 story log cabin - 2 side windows

Saddle notch - at least 2

Pits/caches? close by

3 "small" traps. ^{attached to roof} _{frame}

stone pipe ^{inside} square notch

Some crockery ^{3 bowls} outside

Several rusted barrels/drums
Scattered ground cabin

Plank ^{door} frame ~~door~~ ^{east articulation}
corner of gravel

1 log course on ground
50 yards from front door
of cabin. Small cabin