

JD-039

SITE Otter AHRS NO: JD-039 INHT NO: _____

OTHER SITE NAMES:
Otter Landing

TRAIL SECTION:
Seward-Rainy Pass _____
Rainy Pass-Kaltag X
Kaltag-Nome _____

LAND STATUS: 2/13/81 pm
PL0 5321

(MTP 9-9-76)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
Approximate _____ Actual X
Quad. Iditarod B5
Township 27 N.
Range 48 W.
Section 5
Subsection NW

Latitude: 67 28' 00"
Longitude: 158 12' 30"

UTM REFERENCE:
A _____
Zone Easting _____ Northing _____

LOCATION AND USE:
Abandoned.

INSPECTED BY: Peterson DATE: 1980 Aerial _____ Onsite _____

STRUCTURAL TYPE: Shelter Structure _____ River Community X
Native Settlement _____ Mining Community _____ Other _____

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

TREATMENT RECOMMENDED: _____ ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE: _____

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| <u>X</u> Site Protection | <u>X</u> National |
| <u>X</u> Preservation/Stabilization | _____ Regional |
| _____ Restoration | _____ Local |
| _____ Reconstruction | |
| _____ Adaptive Reuse | |

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 X Medium
(1 Day Hike, Boat, Fixed-Wing)
40 ___ High
(Auto/Road, Short Hike)

CONDITION ----- 40 POINTS

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

PRESENT VISITOR USE

- ___ Frequent
X Infrequent
___ None

POTENTIAL VISITOR USE--20 POINTS

- 20 X High
10 ___ Medium
5 ___ Low

Total Points 40

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Landing point (boat) of Dikeman and Beaton on their discovery prospect. Served as an outlet for a short time but was replaced by Iditarod and its nearness to the Discovery claims of the Flat area. ^{BECAUSE OF}

Three miles below Otter on the Iditarod River the Gugenhiem mining interests installed (ca. 1912) a large electric power plant for the operation of their dredge on Otter Creek (pers. comm. Tony Gulartie).

IN THE FALL OF 1909 A MRS. L. C. CUTTICK OPERATED A ROADHOUSE FOR THE IDITAROD PIONEER. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE ROADHOUSE ONLY OPERATED FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME, PERHAPS FOR ONLY A YEAR.

REFERENCE:

IDITAROD PIONEER, 1910
PERSONAL COMMUNICATION, TONY GULARTIE, AUG 1980

SITE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Locate and record as part of NAER project in the area.
2. Consider for nomination to the National Register (part of natural landmark).
3. Research as part of any further oral history in the area.