

SITE Moore Creek Mining Camp AHRS NO: IDT-012 INHT NO: 260F

OTHER SITE NAMES:

Moore Creek Roadhouse
 Moore Creek Inn
 JOE HONDAS ^{SP} MOORE CREEK INN

TRAIL SECTION:

Seward-Rainy Pass _____
 Rainy Pass-Kaltag X
 Kaltag-Nome _____

LAND STATUS: 2/18/81

State Patented # 50-76-0074
 Private Mining Claim

PLD 5444, 5186

ADP 3/19/81

PLACER CLAIM
 ST GNT

SEE IDT 998
 FOR ADP
 PRINTOUT

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Approximate	_____	Actual	<u>X</u>
Quad.	<u>Iditarod C3</u>		
Township	<u>29 N.</u>		
Range	<u>42 W.</u>		
Section	<u>15</u>		
Subsection	<u>SE</u>		

Latitude: 62 36' 00"
 Longitude: 157 08' 00"
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UTM REFERENCE:

A _____
 Zone Easting Northing

LOCATION AND USE:

Active mining claim.

INSPECTED BY: Peterson DATE: 1980 Aerial _____ Onsite X

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

<u>X</u> Site Protection	_____ National
_____ Preservation/Stabilization	<u>X</u> 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 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 28

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Goodwin in his 1910-11 survey reports the existence of the Moore Creek Inn at what was the beginning of the Moore Creek Mining Camp. A small tent settlement was located on the creek during the early mining years (1910-1912). Two or three wooden structures were also located at the site during the early years; one of them being the roadhouse. Due to the deep snow along the trail from Moore Creek settlement to Prince Creek, winter trail activities moved to the "Hunter Trail" to the northwest. Because of reduced trail use, the roadhouse operated for a short time (ca. 1910-1914).

McPHERSON SURVEY DEC 1914 → 10'S THE MOORE CR. R.H. WITH (A) CABINS LOCATED
ALONG THE TRAIL ± 2 MILES NORTH (ON BONANZA CR.)
A. ROAD COMM. MAP, 1936-10'S A. RELIEF CABIN
RUBEN IDITAROD PIONEER, 1910-11 → 10'S A. JOE "HONDA'S" MOORE CREEK INN.

REFERENCE:

- Lynch, Alice J., 1979. A Preliminary Inventory of Cultural Resources of the Iditarod Trail Between Rainy Pass and Unalakleet. Bureau of Land Management.
Oral Communication: Don Harris, 1980. Owner and operator of existing Moore Creek mining operation.

SITE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Continue historic and oral research.
2. Existing structure should be stabilized in present condition by repair to roofs; removal of vegetation from area for fire protection.
3. The State should work with the mine owner to protect, if possible, the remaining settlement site from further mining activities.

Moore Creek Mining Camp (Continued)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Foundation remains exist alongside the current ongoing mining operations at Moore Creek. Existing structures to the south and north of the airstrip are all post 1930 in their construction and were mining support cabin. (Pers. comm., Don Harris)