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MOUTH OF FOURTH OF JULY CREEK

DOYON, LIMITED

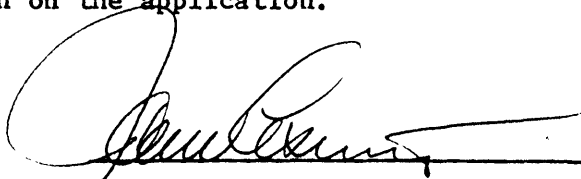
BLM #AA-12368

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY
MOUTH OF FOURTH OF JULY CREEK
DOYON, LIMITED
BLM #AA-12368

I, Jacob Lestenkof, Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, pursuant to the authority vested in me by 43 CFR 2653.5(h), hereby issue a Certificate of Eligibility to Doyon, Limited, for Mouth of Fourth of July Creek (BLM #AA-12368) as a historical place for the following reasons:

1. Extensive field investigation by BIA personnel found substantial evidence supporting a claim of a Native historical place.
2. The site has archeological and anthropological research potential that may yield information important to the prehistory and history of the Alaska Native peoples.
3. This site meets the criteria for selection as a Native historical place as required by 43 CFR 2653, et seq.

This certificate and accompanying report will be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management which, pursuant to 43 CFR 2653.5(k) and (l), will issue an appealable decision on the application.


Area Director

Dated: 16 July, 1984

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DOYON, LIMITED
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CLAIMS EXAMINER'S CERTIFICATE
MOUTH OF FOURTH OF JULY CREEK
DOYON, LIMITED
BLM #AA-12368

I, Stanley J. Casey, hereby certify the following to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

That I reviewed this report of the field investigation and data supplied by field investigators, archeologists, their field notes, and research;

That the conclusions contained in the Claims Examiner's report are based on an accurate analysis of my findings;

That my recommendations are valid and consistent with the guidance contained in 43 CFR 2650, et seq.

Certified this 11th day of June, 1984

Stanley J. Casey
Claims Examiner

Reviewed and approved by:

L. P. Cooper, Jr.
Claims Examining Officer

Date: 11 June, 1984

CLAIMS EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR
MOUTH OF FOURTH OF JULY CREEK
DOYON, LIMITED
BLM #AA-12368

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Doyon, Limited, is a Native regional corporation organized in accordance with 43 CFR 2650. (Exhibit 2)
2. The Corporation authorized an individual to file its applications in accordance with 43 CFR 2650.2. (Exhibit 2)
3. The Corporation included a statement of significance in accordance with 43 CFR 2653.5(f). (Exhibit 2)
4. The site is marked on United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle map, 1:63,360, Iditarod (D-1) in accordance with 43 CFR 2653.5(f). (Exhibit 1)
5. The site is specifically described in Exhibit 1, Appendix C.
6. BIA field investigators located the site to be within the area described by the Corporation. (Exhibit 1)
7. The site is not within 2 miles of the boundary of any home rule or first class city.
8. BIA field investigators marked the corners of the site in accordance with 43 CFR 2653.5(j). (Exhibit 1)
9. BIA field investigators examined the site in 1981. (Exhibit 1)

10. CPSU archeologists investigated the site in 1981. (Exhibit 1)
11. BIA field investigators took photos of the site. (Exhibit 1)
12. The Corporation, CPSU, and BIA agree on the site location.
13. Based upon field examination, research, and the CPSU report BIA has determined that Mouth of Fourth of July Creek is eligible for certification as a historical place.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. An eligible Native regional corporation can select lands pursuant to Section 14(h)(1) of ANCSA.
2. A Native regional corporation can authorize an individual to file its applications for Section 14(h)(1) selections.
3. An application for a Section 14(h)(1) selection can be amended.
4. BIA can modify the boundaries of a cemetery site or a historical place.
5. A historical place selection in a national forest can be granted.
6. BIA can consult other Federal agencies on Section 14(h)(1) selections.
7. BIA shall confirm the existence of a cemetery site or a historical place.
8. BIA can issue a certificate of eligibility or ineligibility for a cemetery site or a historical place.

III. RECOMMENDATION

1. It is recommended that BIA issue a certificate of eligibility for Mouth of Fourth of July Creek as a historical place for the following reasons:
 - A. Extensive field investigation by BIA personnel found substantial evidence supporting a claim of a Native historical place.
 - B. The site has archeological and anthropological research potential that may yield information important to the prehistory and history of the Alaska Native peoples.
 - C. This site meets the criteria for selection as a Native historical place as required by 43 CFR 2653, et seq.

APPENDIX A
CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW
MOUTH OF FOURTH OF JULY CREEK
DOYON, LIMITED
BLM #AA-12368

I, Gene A. Smerchek, certify the following Section 14(h)(1) report to be true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

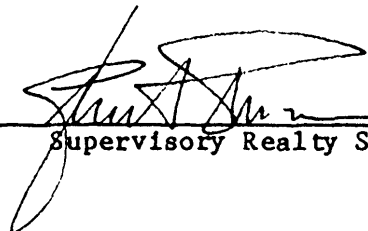
That the field investigators conducted the investigation hereinafter described;

That the report of this investigation was prepared from observations, interviews, field notes, photographs, and research before, during, and after the field examination;

That I reviewed the information hereinafter contained and found it to be an accurate report of the investigation;

That the field investigator's summary of this investigation accurately reflects the findings of the field examination required by 43 CFR 2653.5(h).

Dated JUN 08 1984



Supervisory Realty Specialist

APPENDIX B
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
FOR
MOUTH OF FOURTH OF JULY CREEK
BLM #AA-12368
DOYON, LIMITED

I. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The purpose of this report is to set forth investigative findings from the ANCSA Office examination of the Doyon, Limited, application for Mouth of Fourth of July Creek as a historical place.

Section 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), Public Law 92-203, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to convey fee title to existing cemetery sites and historical places to the appropriate regional corporation.

Departmental Releases 1666, 230 DM 1, and 10 BIAM 3.1 delegate to the Area Director the authority to certify the existence of cemetery sites and historical places under Section 14(h)(1) of ANCSA.

The ANCSA Office is delegated the authority and responsibility to conduct field investigations of the sites selected, to prepare reports of those investigations, and to make recommendations as to certification in accordance with 43 CFR 2653.5.

II. BACKGROUND

Doyon, Limited, applied for Mouth of Fourth of July Creek as a historical place on June 28, 1976, in compliance with regulations of Section 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA).

A tract of land was claimed including the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. 32 N., R. 37 W., Seward Meridian (SM), Alaska. Doyon, Limited, marked the site location on United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle map, 1:63,360, Iditarod (D-1), Alaska, 1954 (minor revisions 1966).

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) preadjudicated the application and assigned it case file number AA-12368. BLM then forwarded the application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) ANCSA Office for field investigation.

The preliminary inventory filed with the application indicates that the area within the site has played a significant part in the historical and cultural development of the Upper Kuskokwim Natives and the neighboring Dishkakot People. The site was a large and important village, possibly predating protohistoric and early historic periods. Semi-subterranean houses and associated graves are reported to exist. The inhabitants of this village were closely connected by kinship and ritual with residents of villages at Vinasale and Iditarod. It was considered one of the most significant villages of the region.

Information regarding the site was acquired from Native elders who are familiar with the area. They include Bobby Esai, Sr., and Pete Gregory, both from Nikolai, and Deacon Deaphon of Deacon's Landing. All agreed that there had been a large village at this site. Deacon Deaphon reported that his family had lived in the village, and he was the last person to leave the village after his grandfather died. Deacon's parents and grandfather are buried there.

On the site location trip Ann Demientieff, a Native informant from McGrath, said that two or three cabins had existed there, and that approximately 10 to 15 people would live in a village of that size.

The pre-season investigation indicated no conflicts in the site as applied for.

III. INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Field investigation of Mouth of Fourth of July Creek was conducted on June 16, 1981, by BIA Field Investigators Patti Hughes, Sheri Lewis, Jim Sykes, Bill White, and Realty Specialist Ron Kortlever. Cooperative Park Studies Unit (CPSU) Archeologist, A. J. Lynch provided technical assistance. The site was located earlier on June 13, 1981, by BIA Field Investigators Patti Hughes and Jim Sykes, with the aid of Native informant Ann Demientieff.

Site boundaries were determined by all personnel following a transected reconnaissance of the site. As a result of field investigation, the site was located within the ~~W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$~~ , ~~NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$~~ Section 26, T. 32 N., R. 38 W., Seward Meridian (SM), Alaska. This lies outside the area originally applied for. The site, as surveyed, contains 4.5 acres, more or less. A buffer zone of 40 feet to 150 feet, more or less, was provided to protect the integrity of the surveyed area.

All personnel were involved in a preliminary on-site transected archeological survey. At the completion of this reconnaissance, observations pertinent to the site were discussed and the site boundaries were mutually agreed upon.

The site is located on a bend in the Takotna River approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles southwest of Mount Joaquin. The main use area consists of a grassy clearing with surrounding spruce and birch trees and an associated cemetery site.

The following cultural features were found on the site: (1) remnants of two log cabins; (2) pits - eight total (five round and three rectangle); (3) remnants of two elevated caches; (4) graves - three total (with remnants of wooden cross grave markers); and (5) assorted cultural refuse, steel cans, enamel cookware, pane glass, buckets, lamp base, and spent rifle shells.

The on-site investigation indicated that the entire site is located within Regional Selection Application AA-8103-4 and within Village Selection Application F-14942-A. This area has not been conveyed to either the village group or region.

IV. SUMMARY

Information obtained from Native informants and on-site inspection of the area designated by these informants revealed cultural remnants of cabins, caches, and an associated cemetery.

Doyon, Limited, applied for an area of land within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ T. 32 N., R. 37 W., SM, Alaska, but due to local guide information and field investigation, it is recommended that the application be amended to include the W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26, T. 32 N., R. 38 W., SM, Alaska.

The site, as surveyed, comprises 4.5 acres, more or less, including the buffer zone provided for in Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations. It lies within Regional Selection Application AA-8103-4 and Village Selection Application F-14942-A, but has not been conveyed to either.

APPENDIX C
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
BLM #AA-12368

A parcel of land located within the ~~W₁NE₁SE₁~~, ~~NE₁NW₁SE₁~~ Section 26, T. 32 N., R. 38 W., Seward Meridian (SM), Alaska. The site is more specifically described as follows:

Beginning at the point of beginning (POB), latitude 62°49'57" N., longitude 156°20'21" W., designated as Corner 1 (C-1), marked with a 5/8-inch aluminum alloy rod extending 17 inches above the ground, with ANCSA site tag attached, referenced to the following:

Reference A: N. 18° W. to a pointed mountain top, elevation 2000 feet, located in Section 3, T. 32 N., R. 38 W., SM, Alaska;

Reference B: N. 69° E. to the northern point of the flat top of the southernmost peak of Mount Joaquin, elevation 2900 feet, located in Section 20, T. 32 N., R. 37 W., SM, Alaska;

Reference C: S. 68° E. to the top of a small mound upriver, elevation 1200 feet, located in Section 31, T. 32 N., R. 37 W., SM, Alaska;

Reference D: S. 76° W., 4 feet to a blazed spruce, approximately 16 feet high and 4 inches in diameter;

Reference E: N. 65° W., 20 feet to a blazed spruce approximately 30 feet high and 8 inches in diameter;

Thence S. 72° W., 275 feet to Corner 2 (C-2), marked with a 5/8-inch aluminum alloy rod extending 18 inches above the ground, referenced N. 38° W., 3 feet to a clump of 4 birch trees, and N. 47° E., 11 feet to a blazed spruce, approximately 25 feet high and 5 inches in diameter;

Thence N. 16° W., 816 feet to Corner 3 (C-3), marked with a 5/8-inch aluminum alloy rod extending 19 inches above the ground;

Thence N. 68° E., 383 feet to Corner 4 (C-4), marked with a 5/8-inch aluminum alloy rod extending 24 inches above the ground;

Thence N. 68° E., 3 feet to the mean high water line along the meander of the Takotna River, referenced to a 25- to 30-foot spruce leaning in toward the river;

Thence following the mean high water line in a southerly direction, approximately 926 feet along the meander of the Takotna River to a point near the POB;

Thence S. 72° W., 20 feet to the POB.

The site described contains 4.5 acres, more or less.

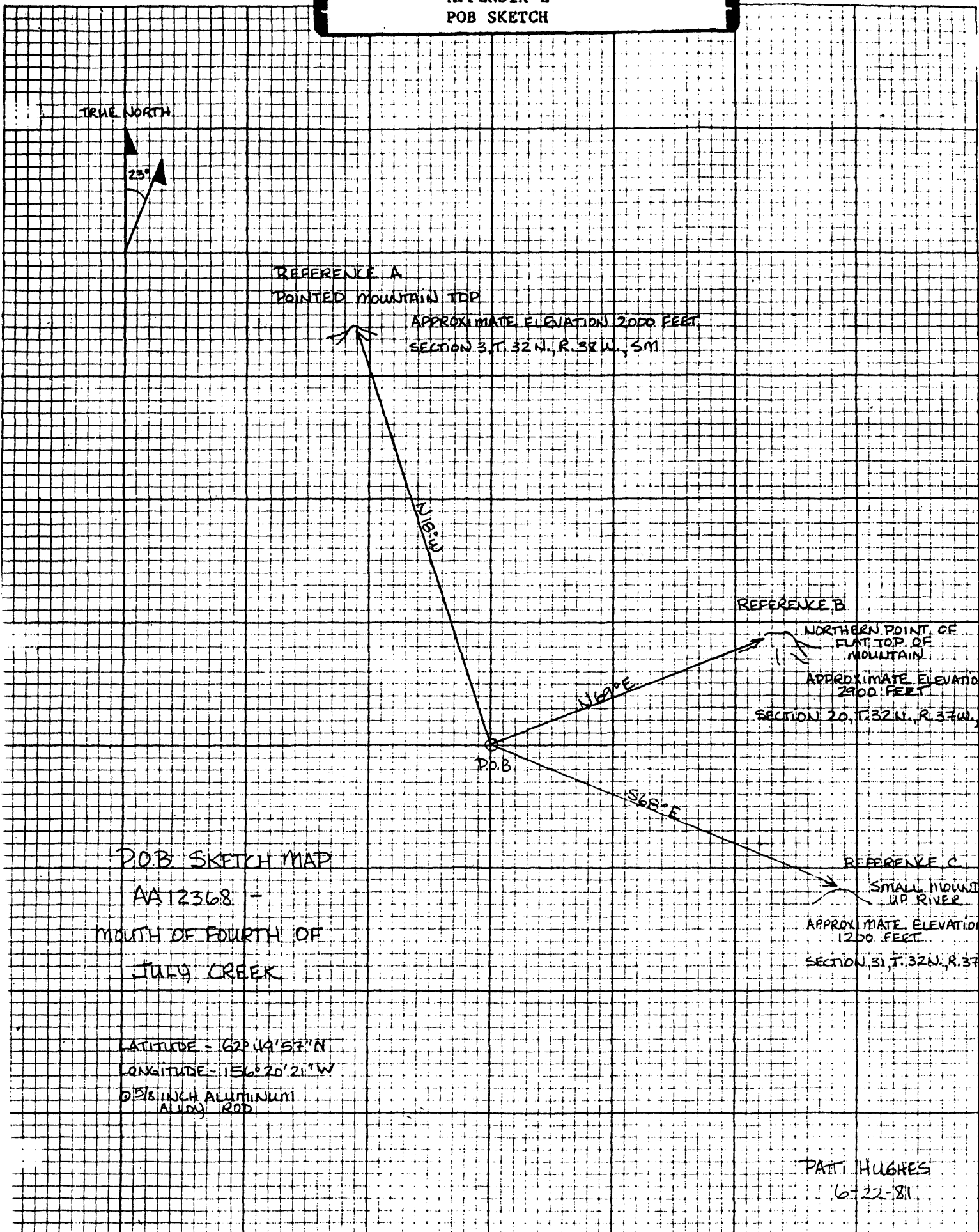
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SURVEY FORMAT
BLM #AA-12368

This survey was conducted on June 16, 1981, following a transected reconnaissance of the site. BIA and CPSU personnel determined the site boundaries.

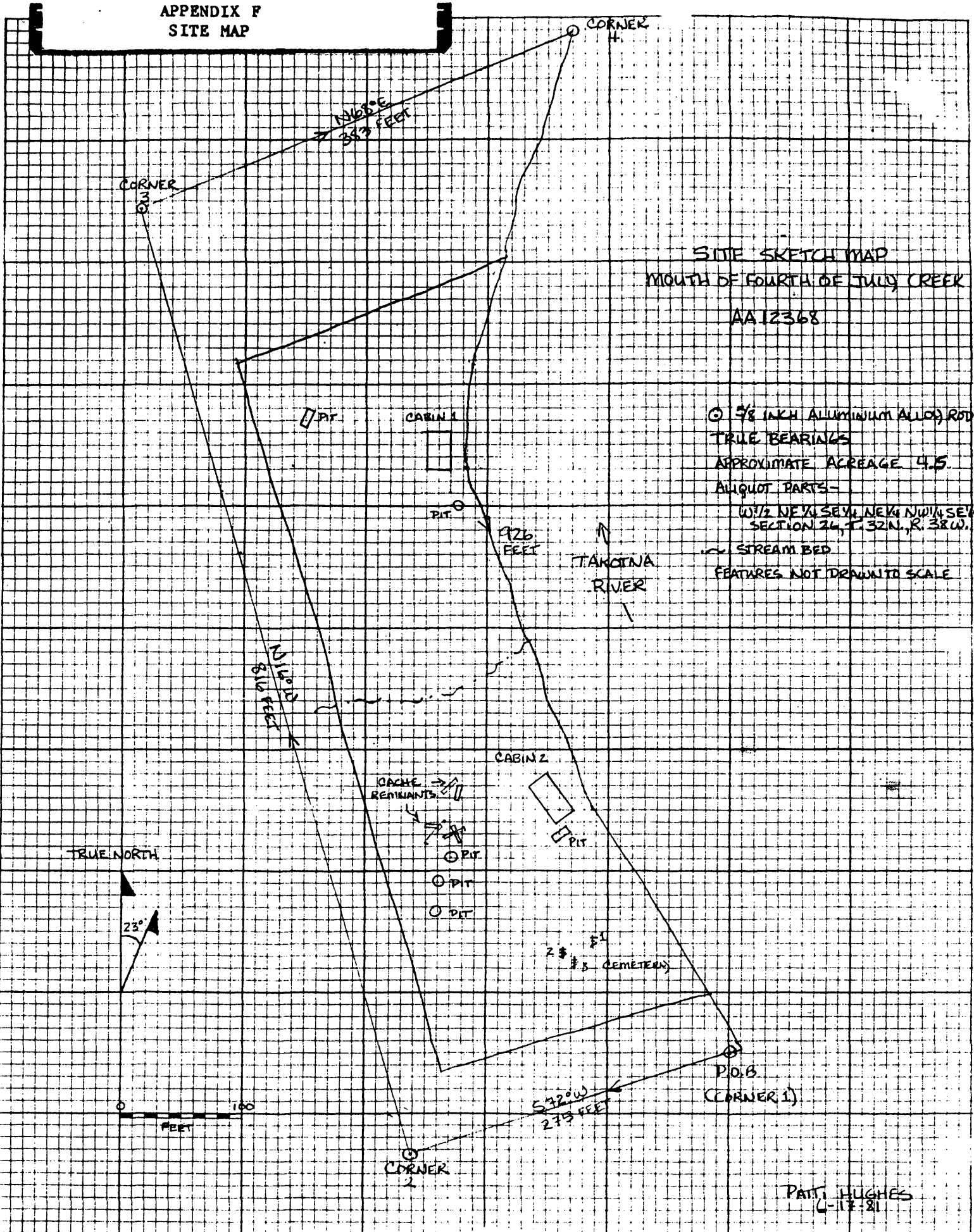
All bearings were obtained with a Silva Ranger 15-T compass declinated 23° east. All distances were measured with a 100-foot Lufkin fiberglass tape.

The corners of the site were marked with 5/8-inch aluminum alloy rods driven to the point of resistance with sufficient portion extending aboveground as monuments. Each monument has been cited and described in the legal description.

APPENDIX E
POB SKETCH



APPENDIX F
SITE MAP

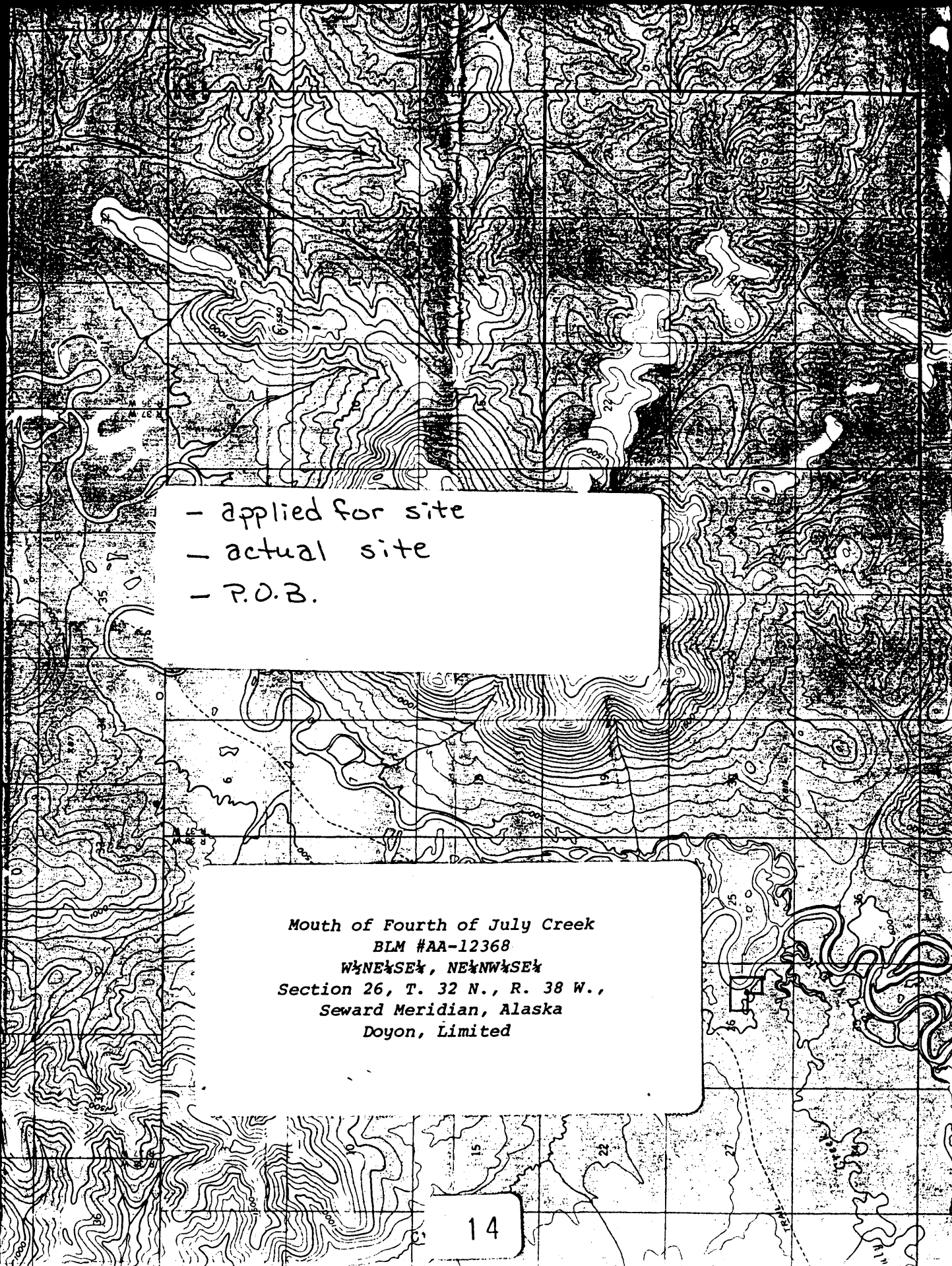


SITE SKETCH MAP
MOUTH OF FOURTH OF JULY CREEK
AA12368

O 5/8 INCH ALUMINUM ALLOY ROD
TRUE BEARINGS
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE 4.5
ALIQUOT PARTS -
W 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4
SECTION 24, T. 32N, R. 38W.
--- STREAM BED
FEATURES NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

PATI HUGHES
6-17-81

APPENDIX G
QUAD (AREA) MAP



- applied for site
- actual site
- P.O.B.

Mouth of Fourth of July Creek
BLM #AA-12368
W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Section 26, T. 32 N., R. 38 W.,
Seward Meridian, Alaska
Doyon, Limited

APPENDIX H
BLM #AA-12368
PHOTOGRAPHY RECORD FORM

PHOTOGRAPHER(S): Jim Sykes

ROLL(S)#: Doyon/McGrath #1

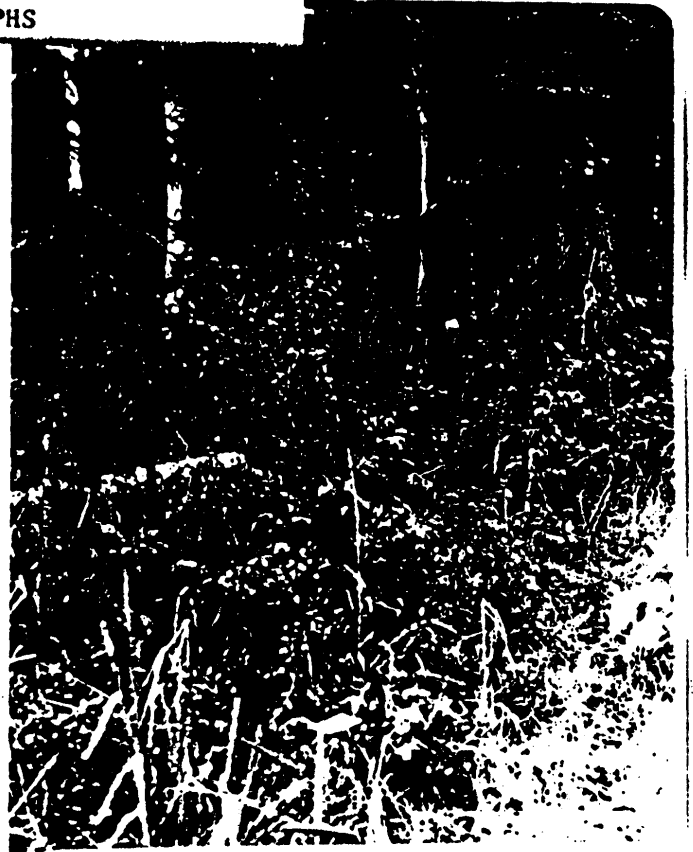
DATE(S): June 16, 1981

PHOTO #	VIEW	INFORMATION
1		Site identification
2	NW	POB with blazed trees
3	NW	Reference A: Pointed mountain top -- most westerly mountain
4	NE	Reference B: Left point of flat top of Mt. Joaquin
5	SE	Reference C: Small mound upriver from site
6	SE	Cabin #2 - Squared logs
7	N	Cabin #2 - Logs with tin bands
8	SW	Aboveground cache #2 and posts
9	SW	Grave #1 - Russian Orthodox cross
10	SE	Adjoining cache to probable house pit
11	S	Probable house pit
12	NW	Cabin #1 - Wood remnants
13	NE	Cabin #1 - Wood remnants
14	S	Aerial view of site
15	E	Aerial view of site
16	E	Aerial view of site
17	N	Aerial view of site
18	W	Aerial view of site

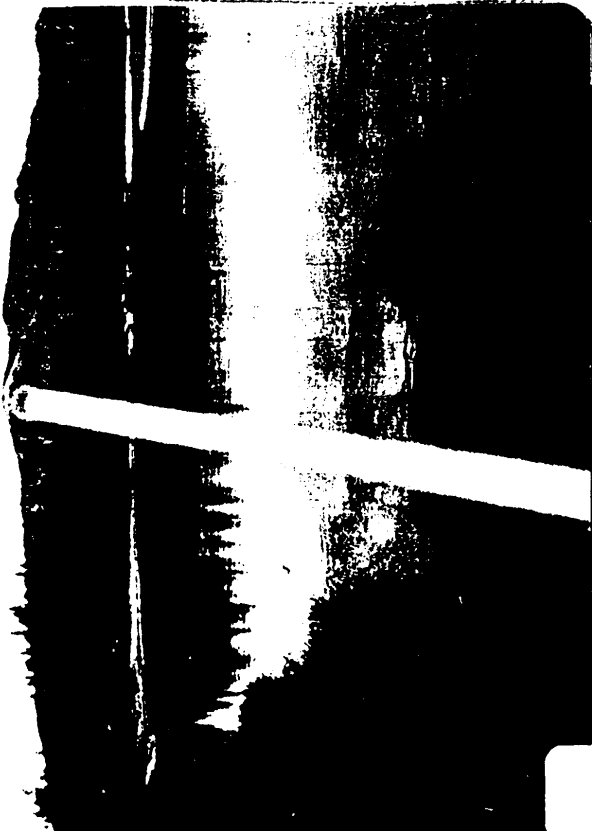
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PHOTOGRAPHS

Site AA 12368
Mouth of 4th of July Creek
16 June 1981

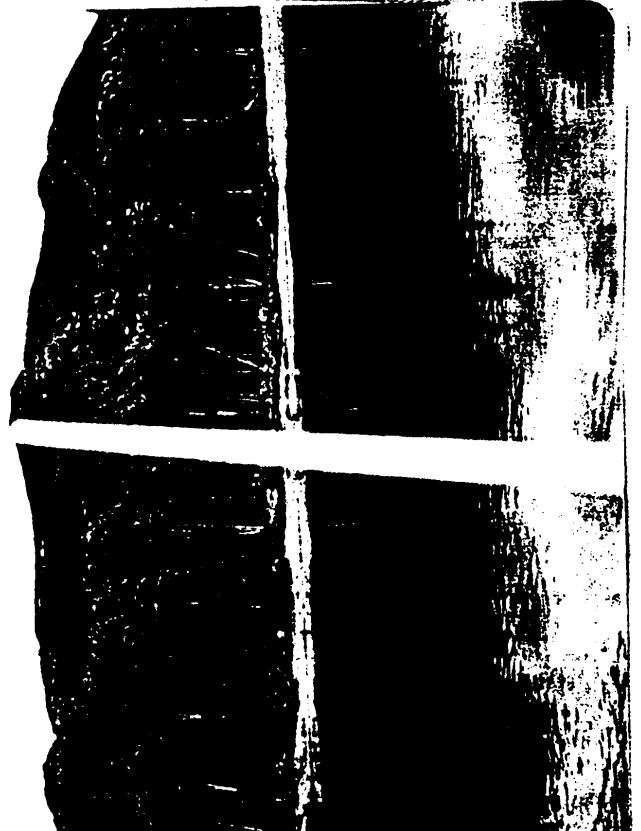
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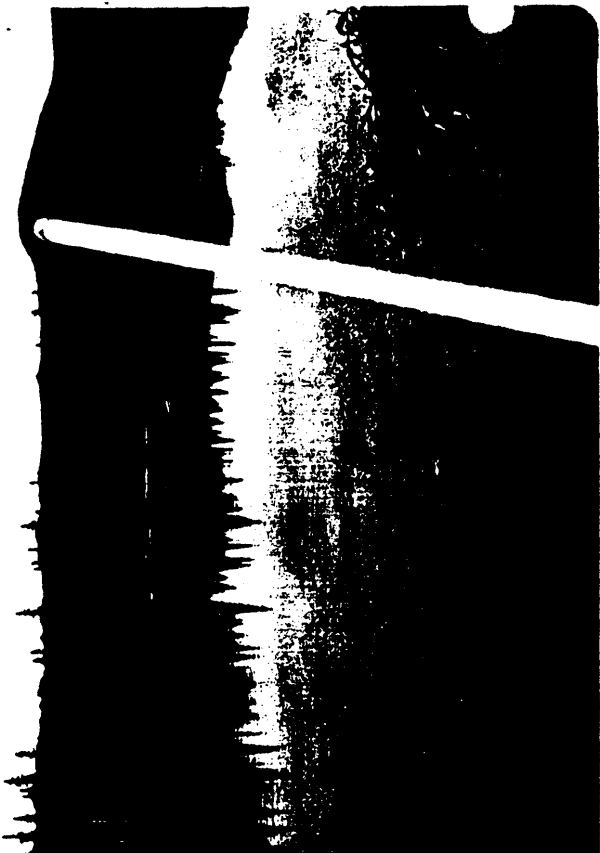
P.O.B. with blazed trees



Reference A: pointed mountain top of most westerly mountain



Reference B: Left point of flat top of Mt. Joaquin



Reference C: Small mound upriver
from site



Cabin #2 - Square Logs



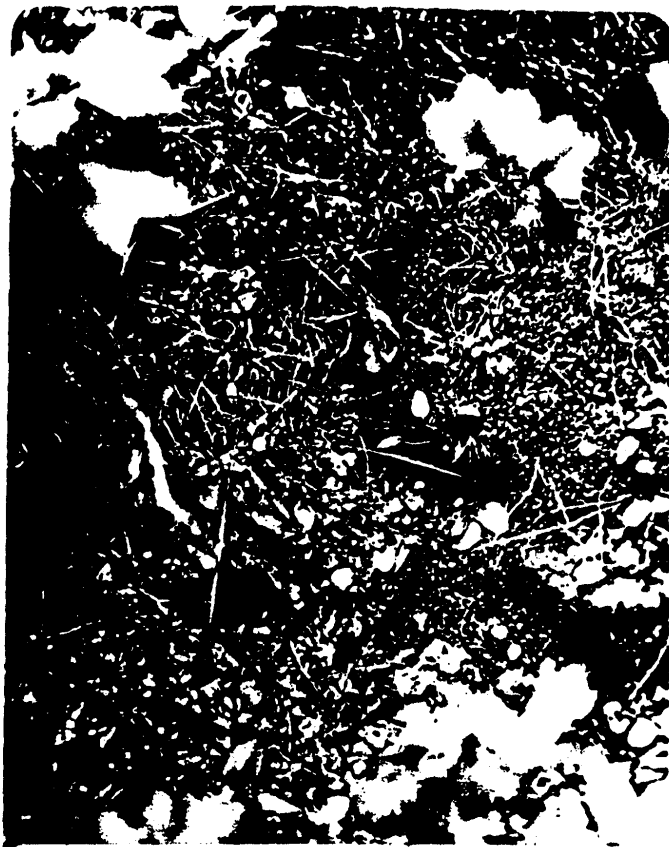
Cabin #2 - Logs with tin bands



Above ground cache #2 and posts



Grave #1 - Russian Orthodox cross



Adjoining cache to probable house pit



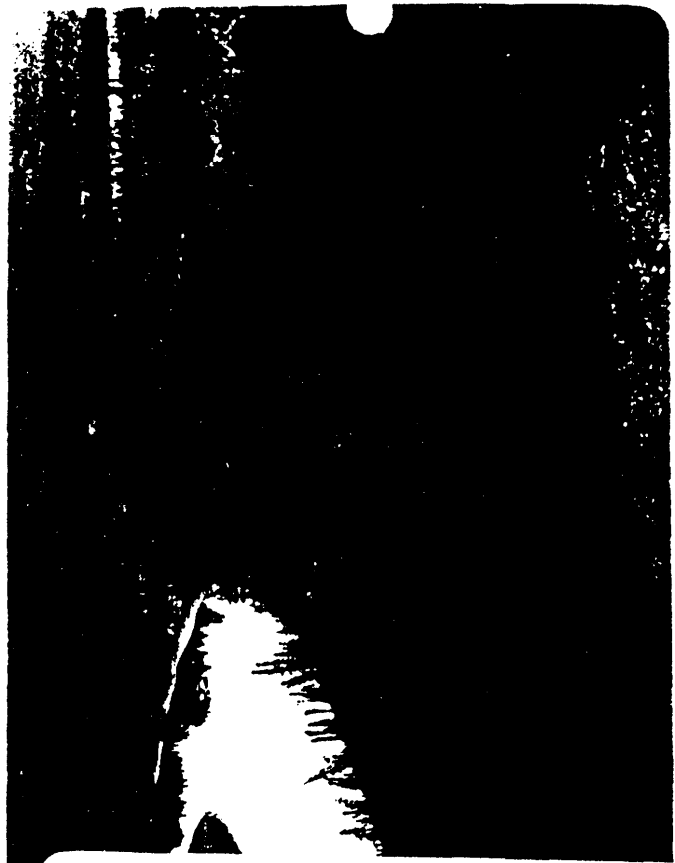
Probable house pit



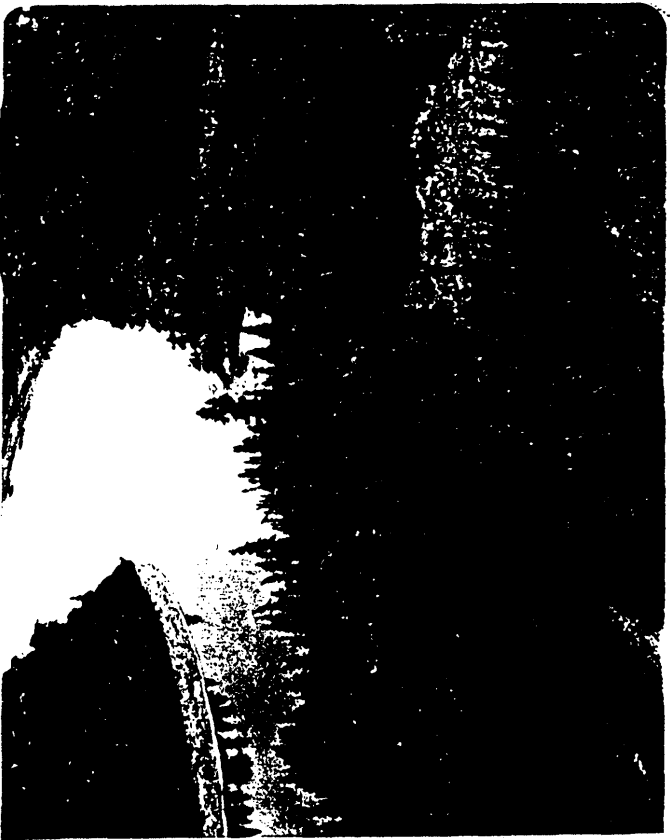
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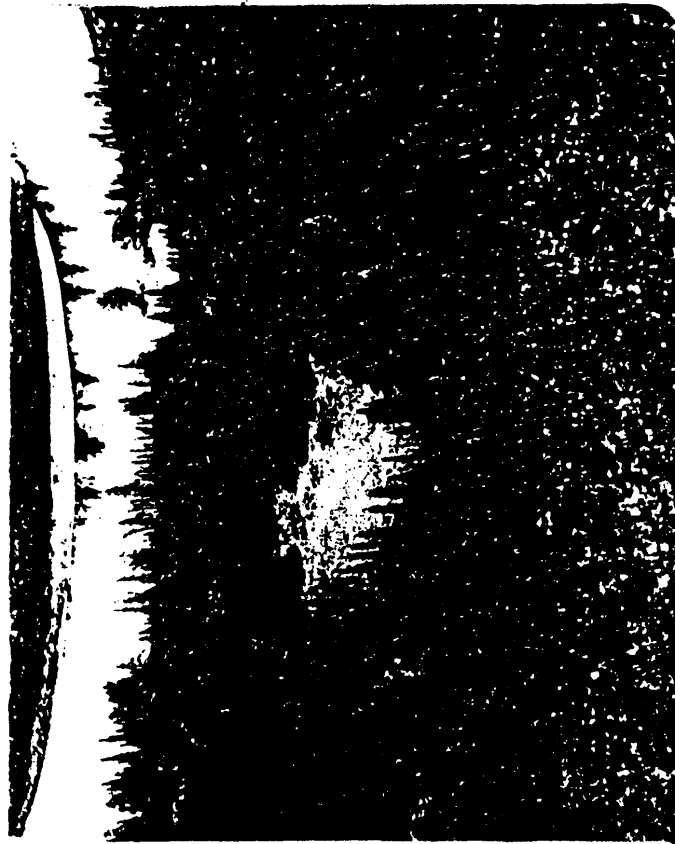
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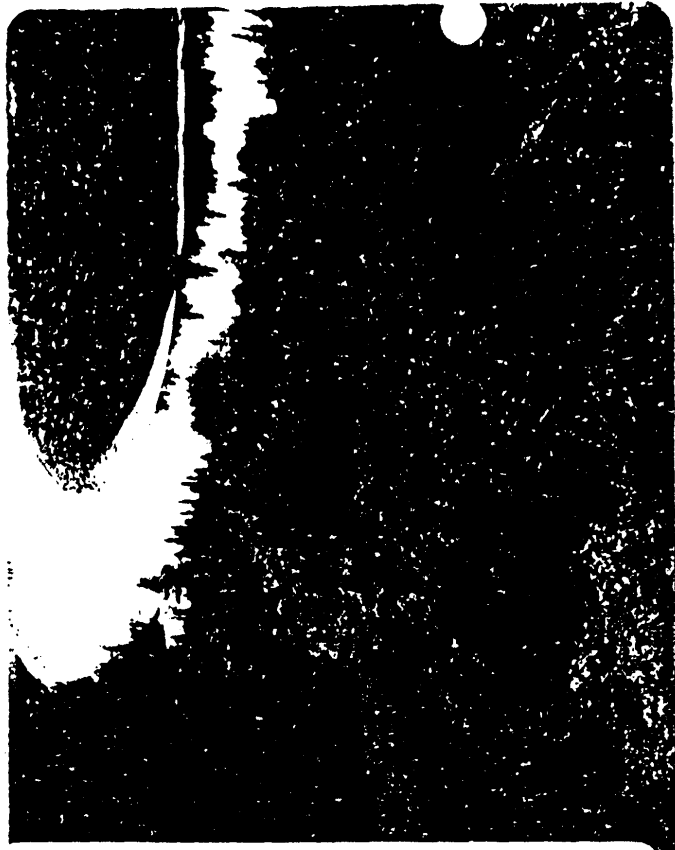
Aerial view of site



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Aerial View of Site

APPENDIX A

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 42-R1652

Serial Number

REGIONAL CORPORATION SELECTION APPLICATION
Act of December 18, 1971 (43 U.S.C. 1601)

INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE

1. Name Doyon, Limited	Address (include zip code) First and Hall Streets Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
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2. Specify type of selection

Surface and subsurface estate (43 CFR 2652)

Subsurface estate only (Lieu Selections; 43 CFR 2652)

Surface and subsurface estate (Cemetery Sites; 43 CFR 2653)

Surface and subsurface estate (Historical Places; 43 CFR 2653)

3a. Give written legal description of lands requested (attach separate sheet, if necessary)

Certain available public lands as defined by Section 3(e) and withdrawn pursuant to Section 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. These lands are described in more detail in Appendice A attached. Included in the selection are any and all lands listed in Appendice A as exclusion because of alleged valid existing rights, if such alleged rights are subsequently determined to be invalid, as evidenced by a denial of title thereto by the United States.

b. List U.S.G.S. quadrangle maps used to portray requested lands

Iditarod D-1

c. Have you attached a copy of each map? Yes No

4. Indicate land use and occupancy Occupied Unoccupied

Mining Claim Native Use


Entryman Other (specify)

5. Indicate Entitlement (acres)	Total Entitlement 2 Million acres more or less	Previously Filed	This Application
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6. Give numerical preference, if selection application is filed pursuant to Sec. 2652.3(f) of the regulations

7. Authority for signature Attached Previously filed in Serial No.

I CERTIFY That the statements made herein are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

 Land Selection Agent JUN 20 1970

(Signature) (Title) (Date)

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

APPENDIX B

Doyon, Ltd.: Historic and Cemetery Sites

PRELIMINARY INVENTORY

1. Site Number - MGR 39
2. a. Indian Name of Site _____
b. English Name of Site Mouth of Fourth of July Creek
c. Variations Mouth of Fourth of July River

3. Map Reference IDITAROD T32N/R37W SE $\frac{1}{4}$

4. Land Status D-1

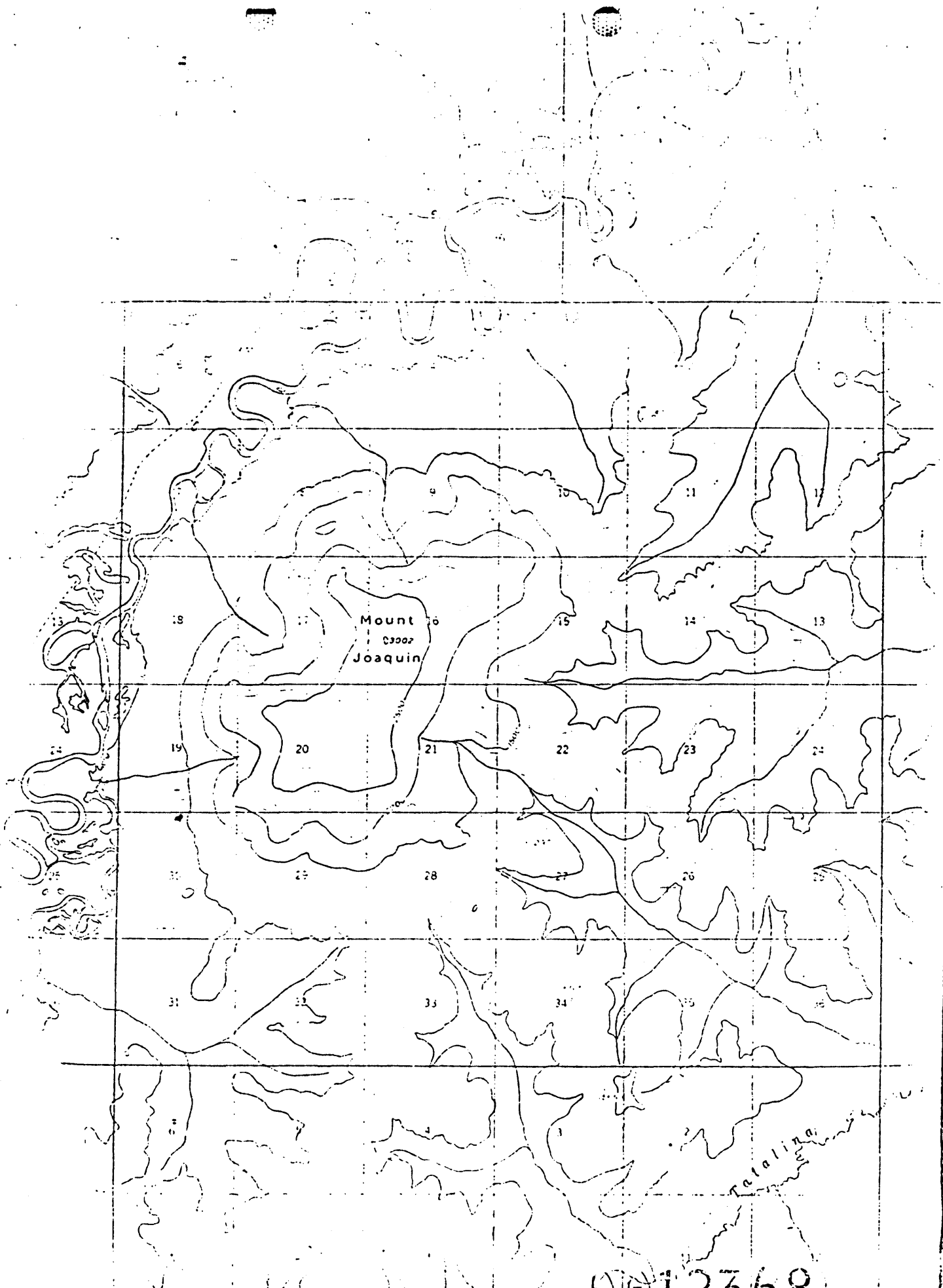
COMMENTS

A large and important village of the protohistoric and early historic periods, possibly predating these. There are associated graves, and semisubterranean houses are reported. The habitants of this village were closely connected by kinship and ritual, with residents of villages at Vinasale and Iditarod, and the village is considered one of the most significant of the region.

prepared by:

[Handwritten Signature]
Cultural Resources Service
Department of the Interior
U.S. Geological Survey
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Legal Reference	File Code	Serial Number
Act of December 18, 1971 (43 U.S.C. 1601)	2553	AA12300
Name and Mailing Address Doyon, Limited First and Hall Streets Fairbanks, Alaska 99701		
Description of Land MGR 39 Mouth of Fourth of July Creek Iditarod T 32N R 37W SM SE $\frac{1}{4}$		
DATE OF ACTION	ACTION TAKEN	
July 6, 1976	Application received 1b	



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Joaquin

Catalina

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

ANCSA PROJECTS OFFICE
P.O. BOX 6688
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99502

September 10, 1981

Mr. Dave Williams
Director of Lands
Doyon, Limited
201 First Avenue
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Mr. Williams:

During the 1981 field season, on-site investigations were conducted to determine the status of the sites selected under the provisions of 14 (h)(1), ANCSA. A partial list of sites investigated is enclosed. Our investigation of these particular sites revealed discrepancies in site locations as indicated.

We recommend that amendments to your applications for these specific sites be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management indicating changes in location and/or type of site. In accordance with current regulations, a corporation has 60 days from the date of receipt of notification from this office in which to file an amendment to the original application indicating the correct site location.

Further action by this office will be held in abeyance until an amended application has been received. Please feel free to contact this office in the event you have a need for further clarification.

Sincerely,

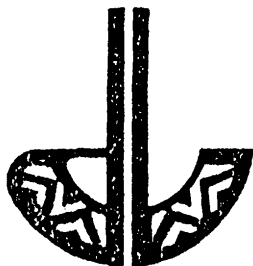

James L. Welsch
(Acting) ANCSA Projects Officer

Enclosures:

1. List of 18 Sites.

BLM#	Applied for Site Location	Verified Site Location
AA-12298	SE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 30, T. 26 S., R. 27 E., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska	S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 10,, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 15, T. 26 S., R. 27 E., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska.
AA12300	S $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 31, T. 34 N., R. 29 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	Within applied for area amend to cemetery site.
AA12301	SW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 33, T. 33 N., R. 30 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 33, T. 34 N., R. 30 W., and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 4, T. 33 N., R. 30 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.
AA12312	Sections 10 & 15, T. 28 N., R. 35 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	Cemetery site: NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 16, NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 17, T. 28 N., R. 35 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.
AA12314	SE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 18, T. 28 N., R. 35 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 33, T. 28 N., R. 36 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.
AA12319	SW $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 5, T. 32 N., R. 28 W., Seward Meridian Alaska	Historical place and cemetery site: S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 5, T. 32 N., R. 28 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska
AA12320	W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 35, T. 27 N., R. 27 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 26, T. 27 N., R. 27 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.
AA12321	SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 25, T. 27 N., R. 27 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	NE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 26, T. 27 N., R. 27 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.
AA12322	SW $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 22, T. 26 N., R. 29 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	Historical place: SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 23, and NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 26, T. 26 N., R. 29 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.
AA12331	SW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 32, T. 26 S., R. 27 E., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska	SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 9, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 16, T. 26 S., R. 27 E., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska.

AA12332	NE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 6, T. 23 S., R. 30 E., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska	S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 31, T. 22 S., R. 30 E., and NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 6, T. 23 S., R. 30 E., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska.
AA12333	NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 5, T. 28 S., R. 25 E., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska	E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 15, and NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 22, T. 28 S., R. 25 E., Kateel River, Meridian Alaska.
AA12341	W $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 1, E $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 2, T. 22 N., R. 59 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	SE $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 14, T. 22 N., R. 59 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.
AA12353	SW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 28, T. 33 N., R. 60 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 28, and SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 29, T. 33 N., R. 60 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.
AA12354	NW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 8, T. 27 N., R. 58 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 5, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 8, T. 27 N., R. 58 W.; Seward Meridian, Alaska.
AA12362	E $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 3, W $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 2, T. 27 N., R. 56 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 1, T. 27 N., R. 56 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.
AA12365	SE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 11, T. 19 S., R. 27 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska	SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 20, and NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 29, T. 18 S., R. 27 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska.
AA12368	Sections 22-27, 34-36 inclusive, T. 32 N., R. 37 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 26, T. 32 N., R. 38 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.



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DISTRICT OFFICE
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November 2, 1981

Mr. Carl D. Johnson
District Manager
Bureau of Land Management
Fairbanks District Office
Box 1150
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707

Re: ANCSA Section 14(h)(1) Selection Applications

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On June 29, 1976 Doyon, Limited filed selection applications pursuant to 14(h)(1) as noted on the attached 'Appendix A'. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has field examined these sites during the 1981 summer field season and has provided us with corrected descriptions which are shown on the attached Appendix. As we have stated in the past our 14(h)(1) selection applications are intended to select cultural sites and there is always the chance the descriptions are in error, we therefore submit Appendix A to amend the descriptions for the referenced 14(h)(1) selection applications.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Williams
Land Selection Agent

TDW:GDL/mnn

Attachment

cc: LaVelle Black
Doyon Project Chief
Bureau of Land Management
Adjudication Section
Alaska State Office
701 C Street, Box 13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513

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APPENDIX A

BLM #

Applied for Site Location

Verified Site Location

AA-12298

SE 1/4 Section 30, T. 26 S.,
R. 27 E., Kateel River
Meridian, Alaska

S 1/2 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 10
N 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 15,
T. 26 S., R. 27 E., Kateel River
Meridian, Alaska.

AA-12300

S 1/2 Section 31, T. 34 N.,
R. 29 W., Seward Meridian,
Alaska

Cemetery Site: E 1/2 NE 1/4
SW 1/4 Section 31, T. 34 N.,
R. 29 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.

AA-12301

SW 1/4 Section 33, T. 33 N.,
R. 30 W., Seward Meridian,
Alaska

S 1/2 SW 1/4 SE 1/4,
S 1/2 SE 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 33,
T. 34 N., R. 30 W., and
N 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4,
NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 4,
T. 33 N., R. 30 W., Seward
Meridian Alaska.

AA-12312

Sections 10 & 15, T. 28 N.,
R. 35 W., Seward Meridian,
Alaska

Cemetery site: NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4
Section 16, NE 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4
Section 17, T. 28 N., R. 35 W.,
Seward Meridian Alaska.

AA-12314

SE 1/4 Section 18, T. 28 N.,
R. 35 W., Seward Meridian,
Alaska

W 1/2 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 33,
T. 28 N., R. 36 W., Seward
Meridian, Alaska.

AA-12319

SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 5,
T. 32 N., R. 28 W., Seward
Meridian Alaska

Historical place and cemetery site:
S 1/2 SE 1/4 NW 1/4,
SE 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4,
NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4, NW 1/4
NE 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 5,
T. 32 N., R. 28 W., Seward
Meridian, Alaska.

AA-12520

W 1/2 NE 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4
Section 35, T. 27 N., R. 27 W.,
Seward Meridian, Alaska

E 1/2 SW 1/4 SE 1/4,
W 1/2 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 26,
T. 27 N., R. 27 W., Seward
Meridian, Alaska.

AA-12321	SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 25, T. 27 N., R. 27 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	NE 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 26, T. 27 N., R. 27 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.
AA-12322	SW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 22, T. 26 N., R. 29 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	Historical place: SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/ SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 23, and NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 26, T. 26 N., R. 29 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.
AA-12331	SW 1/4 Section 32, T. 26 S., R. 27 E., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska	SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 9, N 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 16, T. 26 S., R. 27 E., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska.
AA-12332	NE 1/4 Section 6, T. 23 S., R. 30 E., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska	S 1/2 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 31, T. 22 S., R. 30 E., and NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 6, T. 23 S., R. 30 E., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska.
AA-12333	NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 5, T. 28 S., R. 25 E., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska	E 1/2 SE 1/4 SW 1/4, W 1/2 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 15, and NW 1/4 NW 1/4 NE 1/4, N 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 22, T. 28 S., R. 25 E., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska.
AA-12341	W 1/2 Section 1, E 1/2 Section 2, T. 22 N., R. 59 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	SW 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 13 SE 1/4 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4 SE 1/4, W 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 14, T. 22 N., R. 59 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.
AA-12353	SW 1/4 Section 28, T. 33 N., R. 60 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	SW 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 28, and SE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 29, T. 33 N., R. 60 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.
AA-12354	NW 1/4 Section 8, T. 27 N., R. 58 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska	W 1/2 SE 1/4 SW 1/4, E 1/2 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 5, and E 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4, W 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 8, T. 27 N., R. 58 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.

AA-12362 E 1/2 Section 3, W 1/2
Section 2, T. 27 N., R. 56 W.,
Seward Meridian, Alaska

N 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 1,
T. 27 N., R. 56 W., Seward
Meridian, Alaska.

AA-12365 SE 1/4 Section 11, T. 19 S.,
R. 27 W., Fairbanks
Meridian, Alaska

SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4,
SE 1/4 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 20,
and NW 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4,
NE 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Section 29,
T. 18 S., R. 27 W., Fairbanks
Meridian, Alaska.

AA-12368 Sections 22-27, 34-36
inclusive, T. 32 N.,
R. 37 W., Seward Meridian
Alaska

SW 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4,
W 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4,
NE 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 26,
T. 32 N., R. 38 W., Seward
Meridian, Alaska.



APPENDIX A

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Alaska Regional Office
540 West Fifth Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

IN REPLY REFER TO:

A44 (ARO-PCR)

16 SEP 1982

Mr. Larry P. Cooper, Jr., Director
ANCSA Projects Office
Bureau of Indian Affairs
P.O. Box 6688
Anchorage, Alaska 99502

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Enclosed is the National Park Service, Cooperative Park Studies Unit (CPSU)' submission of our findings regarding the below listed site for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' final certification document.

AA-12368

Fourth-of-July Creek

As required by the ANCSA 14(h) rules and regulations (43 CFR 2653), the Anthropologists from the Cooperative Park Studies Unit, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, representing the National Park Service, have surveyed and documented the site in the field, gathered ethnohistoric information from knowledgeable local residents, and researched archival and library sources.

The research staff has assessed the evidence for significance and on the basis of their research find that this site meets the criteria for significance as stated in 43 CFR 2653.

In addition, the research staff is also of the opinion that the site meets the significance criteria for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. A National Register nomination form for this site has been sent to your office, and is on file at the CPSU, the State Historic Preservation Officer's office, and the appropriate Native corporations.

By copy of this letter, this concludes the National Park Service's consultation for this site as required by regulation. This includes transmittal of the ANCSA 14(h)(1) site survey form for the site, supporting documentation such as photographs and maps, and a National Register nomination form.

Sincerely,

William C. Welch
Associate Regional Director
Planning, Recreation, and Cultural Resources

Enclosure

cc:

Bruce Ream, CPSU, Fairbanks
Regional Archeologist, Alaska Region
(Contracting Officer's Representative)
File X Contract CX-9000-9-E060

ANCSA 14(h)(1) SITE SURVEY FORM
Revised 1981 Format

Anthropology and Historic Preservation
Cooperative Park Studies Unit
University of Alaska
Fairbanks, Alaska

I. SITE NO.

- A. BLM Serial No. AA12368
B. State AHRs No. IDT-033
C. Other, specify MGR39 (Doyon)
D. Regional Corporation
Name Doyon Ltd.

II. SITE NAME

- A. Common Fourth of July Creek
B. Native Tagholjitdochak'
C. Non-native _____
D. Variations _____
E. Translation "near the mouth of the creek that is brushy on both sides"

III. SITE SURVEY

- A. Date(s) visited 16 June 1981
B. Researcher A. J. Lynch
C. Others present at site (affiliation and title) Ron Kortlever, Jim Sykes, Bill White, Patti Hughes, and Sheri Lewis (BIA-ANCSA)
D. How site was reached by helicopter

IV. SITE LOCATION

- A. USGS Quad Iditarod Map Scale: 1:250,000
B. Longitude 156°20'21"W Latitude 62°49'58"N

- C. UTM Zone 4 Easting 635525 Northing 6969559

- D. USGS 15 Minute Series Iditarod (D-1) Map Scale: 1:63,360
E. Legal description

W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26, T. 32 N., R. 38 W., Seward Meridian

- F. Aerial photo reference _____

- G. Additional locational information The site is situated on the west bank of the Takotna River 700 m northwest of the confluence of the Takotna River and Fourth of July Creek.

V. LAND STATUS

- A. Within 11(a)(1)
 B. Regional Deficiency
 C. D-1
 D. Existing Wildlife Refuge
 E. Existing National Forest
 F. Additions to Wildlife Refuge
 G. D-2
 1. Proposed Park
 2. Proposed Wild and Scenic River
 3. Proposed Wildlife Refuge
 4. Proposed Forest
 H. Other, specify Takotna village selection
 K. Describe any land status conflicts with 14(h)(1) selections that become evident in the field.

Site situated on land selected by, but not patented to Takotna.

VI. MACROENVIRONMENT

- A. Ecosystem
 1. Moist Tundra
 2. Wet Tundra
 3. Alpine Tundra
 4. High Brush
 5. Coastal Western Hemlock-Spruce Forest
 6. Bottomland Spruce-Poplar
 7. Muskeg, Low Brush
 8. Upland Spruce-Hardwood
 9. Lowland Spruce-Hardwood

This refers to a named ecosystem as indicated on the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission Map. If the site is located within an ecosystem which is like a small island within an area of another major ecosystem, this should be noted.

10. Additional comment

- B. Land form
 1. Valley
 a. flats
 b. slopes
 2. Ridge
 a. mountain
 b. beach
 3. Knoll
 4. Terrace
 a. river
 b. wave cut
 5. Shore
 a. lake
 b. river or stream
 c. ocean

C. Has the area been glaciated

1. no, not recently
2. yes: Describe glacial features in area around the site.

D. Coastal features, if applicable

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> cliff coast | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> shingle beach |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> sandy beach | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> lagoon |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> rocky beach | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> fiord estuary |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> other (sea caves, tidal flats, spits, etc.), specify _____ | |

Describe

E. Other land forms

Site is approximately 700 m northwest of the confluence of the Takotna River and Fourth of July Creek and some 6 km southwest of the highest point (3002 feet or 916 m) of Mt. Joaquin. Approximately 5.5 km (3.5 miles) to the northwest of the site the terrain slopes steeply upward to the foothills of the Beaver Mountains.

VII. IMMEDIATE SITE ENVIRONMENT

A. Local topographic situation

1. Low rise on terrace
2. Terrace edge, not on a point
3. Point of terrace edge
4. Terrace remnant of lower terrace
5. Terrace remnant on flood plain
6. Low rise on flood plain
7. Undifferentiated area of land form
8. Other, specify _____
9. Description (size, distances, etc.) _____

Site is situated on the west bank of the Takotna River that meanders through a valley approximately 3.1 km wide (southwest to northeast orientation) at the site. The confluence of the Takotna River and the Fourth of July Creek is 700 m southeast of the site.

B. Relationship to other topographic features (within 500 m or 1650 feet)

1. Proximity to salt waters
2. Proximity to major tributary
3. Proximity to smaller streams
4. Proximity to confluence of streams
5. Proximity to slough (current or dry)
6. Proximity to lake (current or dry)

7. Proximity to hill, ridge, or low rise (under 35 m or 100 feet)
8. Proximity to an island
9. Proximity to a pass
10. Description of explication (size, distances, clear or glacial stream, etc.)

The site is situated on the west bank of the Takotna River 700 m. northwest of the confluence of Takotna River and Fourth of July Creek. Two hundred meters north of the site is an old lake bed that is now a meadow.

C. Soil description

Well-sorted river sand and silt.

D. Description of site vegetation

Site is situated in a grassy clearing impinged upon on the north by white spruce and tamarack with an understory of dwarf birch, blueberry, lowbush cranberry and moss. West and south of the site is a mixed forest of birch and white spruce with an understory of blueberry and rose. Forest periphery to the south and west of the site is in a poorly drained, flat black spruce bog.

VIII. SITE DESCRIPTION

A. Type (indicated all that apply)

1. Archeological Precontact
2. Archeological Postcontact
3. Other, specify _____

B. Definition

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village | 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Signal site (navigational landmark) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Camp | 11. <input type="checkbox"/> Trail |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Isolated dwelling | 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Mining camp |
| 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cache | 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Battle site |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Isolated non-dwelling | 14. <input type="checkbox"/> Material source (flint, red paint, copper, etc.), specify _____ |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Homestead | 15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site associated with stories |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Lookout | |
| 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cemetery | |
| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Sacred place (other than cemetery) | |
16. Other, specify (caribou fence, fish weir, mail cabin, reindeer herder's cabin, ceremonial grounds, roadhouse, fur far, cave, trade route, pictograph, petroglyph, etc.) _____

C. Description of features and structures at the site.

1. House pits (give number and size and describe)

2. Cache pits (give number and size and describe) 8

Pit 1: 1.0 m by 2.4 m (rectangular), 50 cm deep; remnants of poles lining pit still evident.

Pit 2: 60 cm in diameter, 30 cm deep; pit filled with cultural refuse.

Pit 3: 1.0 m square, 40 cm deep; steel jacket and part of stovepipe at south end.

(see continuation sheet)

3. Middens (describe)

4. Flake scatters (describe)

5. Above-ground structures (give number and size and describe)

Cabin 1: 2.5 m by 4.7 m; long side on riverbank washing out. Cabin collapsed; logs rotted and covered with vegetation; birch trees growing in and on foundation logs.

Cabin 2: Composite cabin (part of foundation obscured by trees), 3.2 m by 3.6 m. Immature birch, alder and willow grow on the foundation logs and within foundations. Part of a flattened Blazo can lies along west foundation.

6. Cemetery (give number of graves and describe)

Remnants of 3 wooden cross grave markers

Grave 1: Three-barred Orthodox style wooden cross, leaning into a live birch tree. Bars painted blue on top and ends and 10 cm down the center post. Dimensions: post: 1.47 m long; top cross bar: 30 cm; midbar: 60 cm; footstool: 56 cm.

7. Other 2 elevated caches (remnants)

(see continuation sheet)

Cache 1: Collapsed. Remnants of 4 posts approximately 3.5 m long lie on the ground. Large notch (to hold cache platform) at 1.6 m from upper end of post; steel sleeve just below notch. Platform posts are hewn logs 20 cm in diameter; poles comprising cache are whole with bark on. Area of structural debris: 2.0 m by 2.1 m.

(see continuation sheet)

Describe any important relationships among the features that are not readily evident from the maps.

IX. CONDITION OF SITE

A. Present use (indicate all that apply)

1. Community residences

2. Family residences

3. Individual residence

4. Subsistence (kind) _____

5. Mining (kind) _____

6. Religious

7. Continuous

CONTINUATION SHEET

Item No. VIII-C-2Page No. 1Item: Cache pits

Pit 4: 1.0 m by 2.3 m (rectangular shape), inclines gradually from ground level to 50 cm below ground at southwest end.

Pit 5: 1.0 m in diameter, 30 cm deep.

Pit 6: 0.6 m by 1.0 m, 40 cm deep.

Pit 7: 0.8 m by 1.5 m (rectangular shape); slopes from surface to 40 cm below ground.

Pit 8: 0.6 m by 61.4 m, 30 cm deep.

Item No. VIII-C-6Page No. 1Item: Cemetery

Grave 2: Remnants of collapsed cross. One 30-cm piece of wood, painted red on ends and top, with nail and fragment of wooden crosspiece adhering. Shallow depression under collapsed remnants measures 50 cm by 1.5 m.

Grave 3: Remnants of a cross. One fragment of milled wood, 7 cm wide, painted red and blue, lies on the ground.

Item No. VIII-C-7Page No. 1Item: Other

Cache 2: Consists of one standing post 3.0 m high, 15 cm in diameter, 1.6 m from ground to first notch. Steel sleeve just below notch. Remnants of 5 other posts of same size and description lie collapsed on the ground around the standing post.

8. Seasonal (which) _____
9. Occupied
10. Unoccupied
11. Other, specify _____
12. Describe which areas are used and how. Include subsistence and other economic activities.

B. Disturbance by cultural activity

1. Construction
2. Pot-hunting or unsystematic artifact collecting
3. Vandalism
4. Reuse of materials
5. Archeological excavation or testing
6. Describe nature and extent

None evident

C. Disturbance by natural processes

1. Ruined or deteriorated structures (weathering)
2. Erosion
3. Deposition
4. Channel shifting
5. Describe nature and extent

Takotna River is undercutting the bank where cabin 1 is situated, resulting in the wash-out of an undetermined portion of the structure. Nothing but foundation outlines left of cabins; both caches are collapsed.

D. Probable future destruction or disturbance

1. Yes 2. No 3. Cultural 4. Natural
5. Describe (source, extent, immediacy)

Continuing undercutting by the river at north end of the site endangers features situated on the riverbank (cabin 1 and 2 cache pits).

X. SUBSURFACE TESTING

A. Test

1. Yes 2. No (explain below in item E)

B. Accession No. _____

C. Method

1. Test pit
2. Auger probe(s)
3. Shovel probe(s)
4. Other, specify _____
5. Describe size of test, testing strategy and so on.

D. Findings Soil Profile

1. Features
2. Artifacts -----
3. Sterile
4. Other
5. Describe findings. Record artifacts on Field Catalog Form and attach to Site Survey Form.

E. Justification for action.

XI. SURFACE COLLECTIONS. Mark site number and surface collection number on site map and bag. Record collection on Field Catalog Form and attach to Site Survey Form.

A. Collection

1. Yes
2. No

B. Accession No. -----

C. Justification for collections

XII. INVENTORY OF UNCOLLECTED SURFACE FINDS

Record on Field Catalog Form
Descriptive comment

1. Silver base of coal oil table lamp by cache 1 bearing trademark:
"The New Juno no. 2
Made in U.S.A."
2. Small cask or bucket staves and metal bindings 2 m east of pit 1.
3. Galvanized bucket at west edge of north clearing.
4. Grey enamel teapot at center of clearing.
5. Parts of metal chimney at south edge of cabin 1.
6. Cultural refuse in pit 2: rusted steel cans, grey enamelware pan (1 quart size), evaporated milk cans.

XIII. PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD Be certain to have scale in photo.

A. Photographer A. J. Lynch B. Date 16 June 1981C. Roll No. 1

D. Frame number, direction of view, photo content.

<u>FRAME NO.</u>	<u>DIRECTION OF VIEW</u>	<u>PHOTO CONTENT</u>
1.		----
2.	down	I.D. photo
3.	down	I.D. photo
4.	West	Riverbank undercutting cabin 1
5.	Northeast	Cabin 1
6.	East	Lamp base by cache 1
7.	East	Ron Kortlever by standing post at cache 2
8.	West	Collapsed posts at cache 2
9.	North	Cross at grave 1
10.	down	Remnants of cross at grave 2
11.	North	Forest floor at site
12.	South	Aerial view of site area
13.	Southeast	"
14.	East	"
15.	Northeast	"
16.	North	"
17.	Northwest	"
18.	West	"
19.	Southwest	Aerial view of mouth of Fourth of July Creek
20.	South	Area in the vicinity of site

E. Remarks (time of day, weather, other things affecting photos)

sunny and calm

XIII. PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD Be certain to have scale in photo.

A. Photographer _____ B. Date _____

C. Roll No. _____

D. Frame number, direction of view, photo content

<u>FRAME NO.</u>	<u>DIRECTION OF VIEW</u>	<u>PHOTO CONTENT</u>
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E. Remarks (time of day, weather, other things affecting photos)

XIV. EVALUATION

A. Cultural-temporal placement

1. Cultural affiliation (if known)

- a. Eskimo, specify _____
- b. Indian, specify upper Kuskokwim and Ingalik Athabaskan Indian
- c. Aleut, specify _____
- d. Non-native, specify _____

2. Time placement (if known)

- a. 1920-1950
- b. 1900-1919
- c. 1850-1899
- d. 1800-1849
- e. 1700-1799
- f. 1400-1699
- g. Other, specify _____

3. Evidence for time placement (state geological evidence, botanical evidence, cultural evidence, etc.)

- (a) Cultural evidence: oral history
- (b) Historic documentation
- (c) Archeological evidence: historic structures and cultural refuse

B. Ethnographic summary

Complete ethnographic information should be in your notes. Summarize information acquired during the field season. Note type and source of information: village, knowledgeable elder, notes, tape, historic document, archive, etc.).

PLEASE NOTE

Some of the information in this section comes from taped interviews made for the CPSU-AHP 14(h)(1) Project. Researchers gathered this material to document site significance and local history as required under provisions of ANCSA 14(h)(1). Interviewees made these tapes with the understanding that the tapes were not for publication or general circulation; according to the Privacy Act of 1974, transcripts or notes made directly from the tapes cannot be used outside the 14(h)(1) Program without permission from CPSU and from those interviewed.

The small settlement of Tagholjitdochak', meaning "near the mouth of the creek that is bushy on both sides" in the upper Kuskokwim Athabaskan language, was located on the middle Takotna River near the mouth of Fourth of July Creek (CPSU Doyon tape 1). It is the site of one of the early Native winter villages of the area predating European contact. The inhabitants of the settlement were closely related by kinship and ritual with those of Vinasale and Dishkakak (Mary Kroul's field notes).

Between 1908 and 1910 disease, primarily diphtheria, decimated the settlement. Following the epidemics, Tagholjitdochak' was abandoned with some occupants moving to Vinasale, others joining the village of Telida, and others moving down the Kuskokwim River (Hosley 1966:54). The Wassilia family moved up Nixon Fork of the Takotna River (Hosley 1966:54; CPSU Doyon tape; Brown 1980:31).

The last family to live at the site was that of Deacon Deaphon, a 90-year old elder who was 10 or 12 at the time of the epidemic that killed his family. His parents, Deaphon and Olga, and his grandfather, Nick Nikolai, are buried in the cemetery at the site (CPSU Doyon tape 3). After his grandfather died, Deacon moved with other surviving

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members of his family to the Kuskokwim (BIA Doyon tape 8). Deacon Deaphon returned to the area around the site from time to time for subsistence use after he was grown (CPSU Doyon tape 3).

Some confusion appears in the oral and historic accounts regarding the site and another Indian settlement on the Takotna River at or near Big Creek. Maddren (1909:248) reported a log store at Joaquin at the mouth of Big Creek in 1908, but this is a historic white settlement. The map of Mertie and Harrington (1924:plateII), however, clearly indicates the presence of an Indian village in the location of the site of Fourth of July Village on Takotna River. The oral history of the upper Kuskokwim people does mention another Native Takotna settlement at a different Big Creek on the left hand side of the Takotna River going upstream (Mary Kroul's field notes, 1976; CPSU Doyon tape 1) that enters the Takotna River some 20 km southwest of the mouth of Fourth of July Creek.

XV. ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE AND ELIGIBILITY

- A. Does the site possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association?

The site, situated in pristine wilderness, forms a distinguishable tract of land that has not suffered impact. It does possess integrity of location, setting and association.

- B. Is the site associated with events that have made a substantial contribution to the history of the Natives of Alaska?

The site is associated with the historic social interchange between related bands of Ingalik and upper Kuskokwim Athabaskan Indians from Tagholjitdochak' on the Takotna, Vinasale on the Kuskokwim, and Dishkakat on the Innoko River.

- C. Is the site associated with the lives of persons significant in the past of Alaska Natives?

The site is associated with the lives of the immediate predecessors of Native people now living at Nikolai.

- D. Does the site possess outstanding and demonstrably enduring symbolic value in the traditions and cultural beliefs and practices of Alaska Natives?

The site does possess demonstrably enduring symbolic value in the traditions and cultural beliefs and practices of the upper Kuskokwim Natives. It is a tangible reminder of the old lifeways of the upper Kuskokwim Indians and a reminder that some of their roots are in the Innoko basin west of the Kuskokwim Mountains. The site is also a reminder of the devastating epidemics that killed one-half to three-fourths of the population on the upper Kuskokwim between 1900 and 1910.

- E. Does the site embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represent the work of a master, or possess high artistic values?

The site embodies the characteristics of a small historic Athabaskan winter settlement, reflecting some of its activity areas in the cabins, caches and in the cemetery.

F. Has the site yielded, or is it likely to yield information important in prehistory or history?

The site has yielded a significant amount of information obtained from oral history of the Nikolai people pertaining to the origins of the people who lived at the site and their movements after the site was abandoned.

G. Based upon your assessment of the information provided by ethnographic and ethnohistoric sources, documentation in historic and scholarly works, and the on-site archeological investigation, do you recommend this site for conveyance under ANCSA 14(h)(1) Rules and Regulations 43 CFR 2653.5?

1. yes
2. no (explain reasons below)
3. insufficient information for determination

Alice J. Lynch
Field Investigator Signature

March 1, 1982
Date

H. Additional comment

Tagholjitdochak' is a significant site to the upper Kuskokwim people. It commemorates the interaction of different bands of Athabaskan Indians since a time before European contact. The site is especially significant to those descendants of people who used to live there and is a poignant reminder of those relatives who died of the epidemic illnesses at the site which resulted in its abandonment.

XVI. BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

Boundaries include all known cultural features at the site, including the foundations of 2 cabins and associated historical cultural refuse, 8 cache pits, the remnants of 2 elevated caches and a cemetery containing 3 graves marked by Russian Orthodox wooden crosses. A buffer zone of 90 m to the north and 50 m to the west and south maintains physical and visual integrity on these sides. The Takotna River forms a natural boundary to the east.

XVII. ATTACHMENTS

- A. Site map (including feature numbers, points of testing and collecting, disturbance, and BIA boundaries).
- B. Environmental and location map.
- C. USGS map with site location marked.
- D. Metes and bounds description.
- E. Photograph contact sheets.
- F. Field Catalog Forms (collected and uncollected artifacts).
- G. National Register Nomination Form.
- H. Additional information, specify.
1. Information on the site provided by Miska Deaphon and Bobby Esai
 2. of Nikolai Village, Ann Demientioff of McGrath, Deacon Deaphon of
 2. Orthography by Ray Collins, Director of Deacon's Landing.
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FIELD CATALOG FORM

Site Name: Fourth of July Creek/Tagholjitdochak'

Date: _____

Items come from: subsurface test surface collection

surface inventory of uncollected items

Collector: See item no. XII. Inventory of Uncollected surface finds

Field Specimen Number	Description	Location (for test pits include depth and datum pts.)	Remarks

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A parcel of land located within $W\frac{1}{2}$ $NE\frac{1}{4}$ $SE\frac{1}{4}$ and $NE\frac{1}{4}$ $NW\frac{1}{4}$ $SE\frac{1}{4}$ Section 26, T. 32 N., R. 38 W., Seward Meridian (SM), Alaska. The site is more specifically described as follows:

Metes and Bounds

Beginning at the point of beginning (P.O.B.), latitude $62^{\circ}49'57''N$, longitude $156^{\circ}20'21''W$, designated as Corner 1 (C-1), marked with a 5/8-inch aluminum alloy rod extending 17 inches above the ground, with ANCSA site tag attached, referenced to the following:

Reference A: $N18^{\circ}W$ to a pointed mountain top of approximately 2000 feet in elevation, located in Section 3, T. 32 N., R. 38 W., SM, Alaska;

Reference B: $N09^{\circ}E$ to the northern point of the flat top, approximately 2900 feet in elevation, located in Section 20, T. 32 N., R. 37 W., SM, Alaska;

Reference C: $S68^{\circ}E$ to the top of a small mound up river approximately 1200 feet in elevation, located in Section 31, T. 32 N., R. 37 W., SM, Alaska;

Reference D: $S76^{\circ}W$, 4 feet to a blazed spruce, approximately 16 feet high and 4 inches in diameter;

Reference E: $N65^{\circ}W$, 20 feet to a blazed spruce approximately 30 feet high and 8 inches in diameter.

Thence $S72^{\circ}W$, 275 feet to Corner 2 (C-2), marked with a 5/8-inch aluminum alloy rod extending 18 inches above ground, referenced $N38^{\circ}W$, 3 feet to a clump of 4 birch trees, and $N47^{\circ}E$, 11 feet to a blazed spruce approximately 25 feet high and 5 inches in diameter;

thence $N16^{\circ}W$, 816 feet to C-3, marked with a 5/8-inch aluminum alloy rod extending 19 inches above ground;

thence $N68^{\circ}E$, 383 feet to C-4, marked with a 5/8-inch aluminum alloy rod extending 24 inches above ground;

thence $N68^{\circ}E$, 3 feet to the high-water mark along the

thence following the high-water mark in a southerly direction, approximately 926 feet along the sinuosity of the Takotna River to a point near the P.O.B.;

thence $S72^{\circ}W$, 20 feet to the P.O.B.

The site described contains approximately 4.5 acres.

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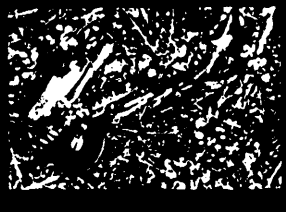
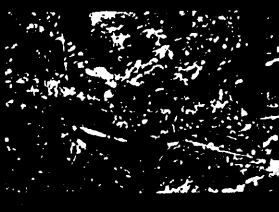
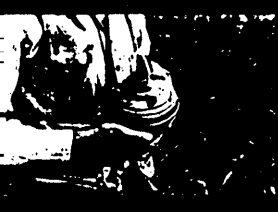
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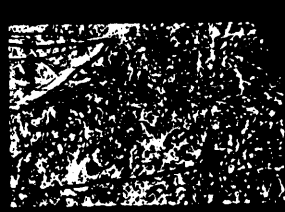
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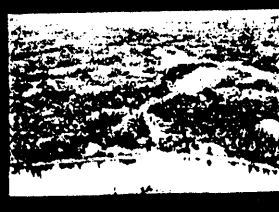
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