

SITE Takotna Townsite AHRS NO: IDT-008 INHT NO: 250A

OTHER SITE NAMES:

TAKOTNA CITY - 1914
~~POSTAGE - #110~~ 1909

TRAIL SECTION:

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

LAND STATUS: ADP 3/19/81

Village w/d, Village Sch
State School / FURM
HOUSES

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Approximate Actual X
Quad. Iditarod D1
Township 34 N.
Range 36 W.
Section 35 ✓
Subsection SW SW

Latitude: 62 59' 15"
Longitude: 156 04' 00"

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone Easting Northing

LOCATION AND USE:

Townsite - occupied.

INSPECTED BY: Peterson DATE: 1980 Aerial Onsite X

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

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

TREATMENT RECOMMENDED:

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE:

<u> </u> Site Protection	<u> </u> National
<u> </u> Preservation/Stabilization	<u> X </u> Regional
<u> </u> Restoration	<u> </u> Local
<u> </u> Reconstruction	
<u> </u> 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 (Roadhouse)
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 46

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Takotna serves as a major commercial center for many years and was in existence at 1910 serving as a major river landing and supply point for the Innoko River Mining District. It still serves today as a supply/staging area for those gold fields.

Several roadhouses; Riek's Roadhouse (or Tokotna Roadhouse and Post Office), Gullickson's Roadhouse, and Cap McLane's Roadhouse, a post office, Pioneer's Lodge (1931-1933) and a telephone system (Takotna to McGrath), a newspaper and trading companies; operated at Takotna.

All of the roadhouses are now gone, having been burnt or torn down (pers. comm. E.P. Anderson).

REFERENCE:

A.F.C. McPHERSON SURVEY, DEC 1914 → LOCATES (7) STRUCTURES.

- Lynch, Alice J., 1979. A Preliminary Inventory of Cultural Resources of the Iditarod Trail Between Rainy Pass and Unalakleet. Bureau of Land Management.
Oral Communications: Jack Morris, Former owner of McGrath Roadhouse, Santa Clair, California, 1980. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Anderson, life long Takotna residents, 1980.

SITE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Additional site research needed to determine significance of any remaining structures and relationship to the Iditarod period. Historical investigation.
2. Continue oral history program to interview local residents during a period of the Iditarod Gold Rush Period.