

by the Iditarod Trail as going between the Dishna and Upper Innoko Rivers, then crossing a low mountain range at an elevation of about 1,300 feet above sea level by way of a low, wide pass with easy grades approaching it from either side. The pass by way of American Creek over to Hurst Creek satisfies this description perfectly. Trail sections are quite evident between Boob Creek and Tolstoi although this could possibly be accounted for by latter day mining activities.

An aerial reconnaissance of the trail was made from Dishkakat to Kaltag, following the west bank of the Little Mud River, also known as the Kluklaklatna (Orth, 1971:586), up to the headwaters of Magitchlie Creek and over a low pass to the Yukon drainage. This route is shown on the map of the Kuskokwim district in the ARC Annual Report for 1924 (Figure 18). No sign of the trail was seen between Dishkakat and the Yukon River. The vegetation obscuring the segments of the trail crossing overland could account in part for the trail's lack of visibility, as this segment of the trail up to the Yukon River has had only minimal use since 1924. Trails were seen from the Yukon crossing to Kaltag, but these are probably of a more recent date.

Takotna

IDT-045 ← Townsite
IDT-008 - Takotna Roadhouse

Takotna, a riverboat landing and supply point for the Innoko Placer Mining District, was in existence in 1910 (Maddren 1911:243). According to Timothy Twitchell (pers. comm.), several Takotna roadhouses were operated in the 1920's. John Reek ran the Takotna Roadhouse and post

office. Cap McLane ran a thriving operation at his roadhouse in Takotna during Prohibition. Gullickson's Roadhouse also was operated there at that time.

Takotna was not examined during the course of this project. Further documentation and an evaluation of the current situation are required before any recommendations can be made.

Yankee Creek Roadhouse

OPH-015

Yankee Creek Roadhouse was found along the winter sled road approximately 9 miles northwest of Takotna. It lies within 1/4 mile of the junction of Yankee Creek and the Innoko River. The log building stands in a grassy clearing approximately 1/8 mile south of the Innoko River. It is still standing, and the sheet metal roof is still intact.

Billy Goss operated Yankee Creek Roadhouse during the early 1920's (Timothy Twitchell, pers. comm.). Casimir Knotts appropriated it some time later and is said to have been its last proprietor (Bob Magnuson, pers. comm.). According to Timothy Twitchell, this roadhouse was operated until regular air service was established to the Takotna area around 1929.

The Yankee Creek Roadhouse Site was only observed from the air so an on-the-ground examination is required before specific recommendations can be made. Superficial observation suggests that the structure is in fairly good condition and may benefit from stabilization efforts.