

SITE First Chance Shelter Cabin AHRS NO: IDT-019 INHT NO: 270C

OTHER SITE NAMES:

Summit Roadhouse
ARC Relief Cabin

TRAIL SECTION:

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

LAND STATUS: 2/13/81 pm
State Patented

ADP LIST 3/19/81
STATE

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Approximate	Actual	<u>X</u>
Quad.	<u>Iditarod D-4</u>	
Township	<u>32 N.</u>	
Range	<u>44 W.</u>	
Section	<u>30</u>	
Subsection	<u>SW</u>	

Latitude: 62 50' 20"
Longitude: 157 43' 30"

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone Easting Northing

LOCATION AND USE:

Abandoned. At the summit of First Chance Creek.

INSPECTED BY: Lynch Peterson DATE: 1978 Aerial Onsite X
1980

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

WALLS:	IN	OUT	FLOOR	ROOF	CORNER NOTCH
Log-Rough	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	Dirt	Sod <u>X</u>	Unknown
Log-Hewn			Wood <u>X</u>	Metal	Double Saddle
Frame			Other	Wd. Plank	(Log for cabin
Drop Siding			Unknown	Wd. Shingle	chopped, not
Wall Covering				Tar Paper	sawn)
Unknown				Unknown	

TREATMENT RECOMMENDED:

X Site Protection
X Preservation/Stabilization
Restoration
Reconstruction
Adaptive Reuse

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE:

National
Regional
X Local

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 18

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The cabin first appears in a 1927²³ ARC annual report as the First Chance Shelter Cabin (inside front door was written "Mar. 27, 1926, Merry St..."). Inspection of the site revealed that it was only a relief/shelter due to the absence of any outbuildings. The cabin, located at the summit of the Iditarod and Dishna river divide, is located approximately 10 miles from Shermeir's Roadhouse. The steep climb out of the Iditarod drainage necessitated a stopping point at the top (pers. comm. Tony Gulartie).

REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN BUILT IN 1923, PER A. ROAD COMM. RECORDS.

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: Tony Gulartie, Anchorage, 1980.

AK ROAD COMM. ANNUAL REPORT, 1923

SITE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Possible reconstruct as a shelter/support cabin because of its relative location.