

# IDITAROD TRAIL INVENTORY

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SITE Rainy Pass Shelter Cabin AHRS NO: McG-~~987~~ 999 INHT NO: 220D

OTHER SITE NAMES:

Rainy Pass Roadhouse  
Pass Creek Roadhouse

NOTE: McPHERSON'S 1914 SURVEY LABELS  
DALZELLS R.14. AS RAINY PASS ROADHOUSE.

TRAIL SECTION:

Seward-Rainy Pass \_\_\_\_\_  
Rainy Pass-Kaltag X  
Kaltag-Nome \_\_\_\_\_

LAND STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Approximate X Actual \_\_\_\_\_  
Quad. McGrath A1  
Township 24 N.  
Range 21 W.  
Section 11  
Subsection NW NW SE

Latitude: 62 11' 40"  
Longitude: 153 01' 00"

UTM REFERENCE:

A \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Easting \_\_\_\_\_ Northing \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION AND USE:

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

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

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

TREATMENT RECOMMENDED:

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE:

\_\_\_\_\_ Site Protection  
\_\_\_\_\_ Preservation/Stabilization  
\_\_\_\_\_ Restoration  
\_\_\_\_\_ Reconstruction  
\_\_\_\_\_ Adaptive Reuse

\_\_\_\_\_ National  
\_\_\_\_\_ Regional  
X Local

Estimated Treatment Costs \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated Planning/Research Costs \_\_\_\_\_

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MANAGEMENT RATING CRITERIA

ACCESS ----- 40 POINTS

- 5 \_\_\_ Difficult  
(Dog Sled, Snow Mach., Heli.)
- 20 X Medium  
(1 Day Hike, Boat, Fixed-Wing)
- 40 \_\_\_ High  
(Auto/Road, Short Hike)

CONDITION ----- 40 POINTS

- X Not Located
- 1 X No Remains
- 3 \_\_\_ Ruin
- 8 \_\_\_ Poor (Roof In)
- 15 \_\_\_ Medium (Roof Intact)
- 25 \_\_\_ Good (Maintained)
- 40 \_\_\_ Restored

PRESENT VISITOR USE

- \_\_\_ Frequent
- X Infrequent
- \_\_\_ None

POTENTIAL VISITOR USE--20 POINTS

- 20 X High
- 10 \_\_\_ Medium
- 5 \_\_\_ Low

Total Points 41

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

CONFUSED

Structure served as an emergency shelter for travelers over Rainy Pass for years preceding, during, and after the Iditarod Rush (1908 - 1930s). Travelers (from the east) would in the 1920s stop at the cabin and telephone to Dalzell Cabin to verify the "Pass" condition before traveling on: TWENTY YEARS A SOLDIER OF FORTUNE. MARSH MAY HAVE CALLED PORTULAS CABIN RAINY PASS SHELTER CABIN AND ANDERSON'S R.H. DALZELL.

REF:

- Goodwin notes the relief cabin in his 1908 notes.
- "Twenty Years as a Soldier of Fortune." Floyd R. Marsh, 1976.
- Kroll's map - 1920.
- Alaska-Yukon Magazine. July 1911 - Discusses Goodwin's 1910-11 trail survey.

1923 AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY & AGC MAP, "RELIEF CABIN"

REFERENCE:

- Lynch, Alice J., 1979. A Preliminary Inventory of Cultural Resources of the Iditarod Trail Between Rainy Pass and Unalakleet. Bureau of Management.
- Marsh, Floyd R., 20 Years a Soldier of Fortune, 1976.
- AK. ROAD COMMISSION MAP, 1939-40'S. A RAINY PASS R.H.

SITE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Possible reconstruction of a relief cabin in support of recreational and survival use.
2. Locate.