

SITE Sullivan Roadhouse AHRS NO: McG-014 INHT NO: 230C

OTHER SITE NAMES:

Called Salmon River Roadhouse  
in 1920s but is not McG-013

TRAIL SECTION:

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

LAND STATUS: 3/6/81 pm

PLO 5418 (D1)

Recommended ANASA 2-2

ADP 3/19/81

(See McG-012 for listing)

MTP 4-6-78

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Approximate      Actual X  
Quad. McGrath D3  
Township 31 N.  
Range 27 W.  
Section 9  
Subsection NE

Latitude: 62° 18' 30"  
Longitude: 154° 24' 00"  
20 29.18

REMOVED PER MCPHERSON, JUNE 2, 81 CAMP

McGrath  
T 31 N  
R 27 W  
S 9 E 13  
NE 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4

62° 46' 35"  
154° 14' 15"

UTM REFERENCE:

A      Zone      Easting      Northing     

LOCATION AND USE:

Abandoned site. North side of Sullivan Creek, five miles east of Pitka  
Fork Junction, 33 miles from McGrath. ADJ. TO TRAIL

INSPECTED BY: Lynch DATE: 1978 Aerial      Onsite X

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	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	Wood <u>X</u>	Metal <u>X</u>	Double Saddle
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>	Assumed	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>X</u> Preservation/Stabilization	<u>    </u> Regional
<u>    </u> Restoration	<u>X</u> Local
<u>    </u> Reconstruction	
<u>    </u> Adaptive Reuse	

Estimated Treatment Costs       
Estimated Planning/Research Costs     

NOTE: This is a preliminary listing. See McG-012

"The Gravel Trail"

IDENTIFIED 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:

Remains on site indicate two or possibly three large log structures which may include a dog barn. Goodwin talks of several men who followed his 1910-1911 crew, cutting sites for anticipated roadhouses, Sullivan was one of those sites.

Additional construction was undertaken in 1914 by Sam Naswalker. The roadhouse was operated from 1911 until 1923 when it was finally abandoned.

LADWALKER DOES NOT MENTION IN 1917.

REFERENCE:

Lynch, Alice J., 1979. A Preliminary Inventory of Cultural Resources of the Iditarod Trail Between Rainy Pass and Unalakleet. Bureau of Land Management.  
RUBY RECORD CITIZEN, APR 8, 1916 → 10'S SULLIVAN 12 MI FROM SALMON & 8 MI FROM PELUK  
" " MAR 14, 1914 → 10'S "SULLIVAN CR."

SITE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Continued site protection.
2. Site should be investigated jointly with any archeological investigations undertaken at Peluk Roadhouse. Both sites were similar in use and condition prior to 1977 when Peluk was destroyed and Sullivan was not.