

SITE Pitka Fork Cabin

AHRS NO: McG-018

INHT NO: 231B

OTHER SITE NAMES:

Pitka Fork FAA Cabin
Pitka Fork Roadhouse

TRAIL SECTION:

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

LAND STATUS: 3/6/81

F 17176 NA Part B

ADP 3/9/81

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NATIVE ALLOT

MTP 4-6-78

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Approximate Actual X
Quad. McGrath D-3
Township 31 N.
Range 28 W.
Section 10
Subsection SE NE

Latitude: 64 47' 45" 38.87"

Longitude: 154 27' 00"
29' 29.17"

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone Easting Northing

LOCATION AND USE:

Used as shelter cabin.

INSPECTED BY: Lynch (78)

DATE:

Aerial Onsite X

Peterson (80)

STRUCTURAL TYPE:

Shelter Structure X River Community

Native Settlement Mining Community Other

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

TREATMENT RECOMMENDED:

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE:

 Site Protection
X Preservation/Stabilization
 Restoration
 Reconstruction
 Adaptive Reuse

 National
X Regional
 Local

Estimated Treatment Costs

Estimated Planning/Research Costs

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 35

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Cabin built in the late 1930s; probably as a trapper's cabin and was used extensively during W.W.II. It served as a relief/support cabin by the U.S. Army in the construction, maintenance, and fuel hauling for the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) station at Farewell. Site is on present Iditarod race trail.

Structure was nearly lost during the 1977 Bear Creek fire.

REFERENCE:

Lynch, Alice J., 1979. A Preliminary Inventory of Cultural Resources of the Iditarod Trail Between Rainy Pass and Unalakleet. Bureau of Land Management.

SITE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Perform emergency stabilization; replace damaged roof "Gee" poles, apply wood preservatives, replace sod in damaged area, replace wood stove and bunk for continued use of structure as relief cabin.