

ALASKA HERITAGE RESOURCES SURVEY

SITE #: SEW-564

MAPSHEET: D7 ·SWNENW, SEC.9, T10N, R1W, SM
 60°58'35"N/149°27'58"W AREA: <001
 UTM:

↳ BIRD CREEK LUMBER COMPANY SAWMILL

Carberry reported a number of cabin foundations along the west bank of Bird Creek which belonged to the Bird Creek Lumber Company. L.W. Turner and R.H. Fleming ran the sawmill in 1915. After Turner retired in 1916, Fleming continued as manager. The lumber was used in construction of the railroad and was sent to Anchorage by barges for local building purposes. In 1993, 2 large boilers, a concrete and rock foundation with reinforced metal bars, and scattered metal artifacts and bricks were noted. The boilers, which have fallen off their foundation are visible on the edge of the creek. One is 13'5" long x 3'6" in diameter. The other more rectangular one is 12' long x 6' tall x 4'2.5" wide. The foundation is built into the hillside and is 15.5' long x 6' wide x 1'9" at the SE corner. A metal wood stove and 3 boards, one with tar paper attached are located about 120-150' downstream and may be the remains of a cabin associated with the mill.

SITE SIGNIFICANCE:

Associated with the Iditarod National Historic Trail.

LOCATION:

On the west side of Bird Creek, approx. 1/8mi. upstream from the mouth of Bird Creek and the Alaska Railroad bridge at Mile 86.8.

CITATIONS:

Carberry and Lane 1986:171
 BLM Iditarod Trail Files
 Alaska Engineering Commission Map 1916 (Glacier Ck to Fall Ck)
 Buzzell, R.G. 1993:Fieldnotes (Bird Ck State Wayside survey)

DANGER OF DESTRUCTION:

CONDITION: B1C

ASSOCIATED DATE: AD 1915

ENVIRONMENT: 09

PERIOD: Historic

RESOURCE NATURE: Site, Industrial, Sawmill, Railroad, INHT

CULTURAL AFFILIATION: Euroamerican

PRESERVATION STATUS:

NHR DATE: / /

OWNER:

State of Alaska, Alaska Railroad

REPOSITORY:

ACCESSION #:

BIA/BLM#:

OTHER#:

RELIABILITY: A1

CODED BY: RB

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Location identified on the Alaska Engineering Commission map from Glacier Creek to Falls Creek dated December 1916 by Secrest. Carberry reported a number of cabin foundations along the west bank of Bird Creek which belonged to the Bird Creek Lumber Company. A large boiler lies rusted and detached in the creek bed. L.W. Turner and R.H. Fleming ran the sawmill in 1915. After Turner retired in 1916, Fleming continued as manager. The lumber was used in construction of the railroad and was sent to Anchorage by barges for local building purposes.

SITE SIGNIFICANCE:

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LOCATION:

Approximately at mile 86.6 on the Alaska Railroad on the west side of Bird Creek.

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