

In 1980, the INHT conducted field investigation at historic sites along the trail in the Norton Sound region. Among the sites investigated by the INHT is one of particular concern to this investigation; "Itevel-lhuk" (BLM site F-22867). On its inventory form, the INHT referred to this site as "McKinley Creek Relief Cabin", and stated that it is located on a connecting route of the Idatrod Trail (BLM 1982). This site was also recommended for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) by INHT investigators (Ibid.). However, according to other information obtained from the same report, the name "McKinley Creek Relief Cabin" referred to a shelter cabin located at the mouth of McKinley Creek and the name "Summit ARC Cabin" was applied to a site on the divide at the head of Portage Creek (Ibid.). Apparently an inventory form was compiled for "Summit ARC Cabin" as the land description indicated a location on the divide at the head of Portage Creek, but was inadvertently referred to as "McKinley Creek Relief Cabin". "Summit ARC Cabin" was not recommended for nomination to the NRHP (Ibid.). This confusion between the two sites was carried over into the INHT CMP published in 1986. in which "Relif Cabin (McKinley Creek)"; designated as AHRS site SOL-80, was indicated as being located on the primary route, while both "Summit ARC Cabin"; designated as AHRS site SOL-80, and "Relief Cabin (McKinley Creek)"; designated as AHRS site SOL-79, were indicated as being located on the connecting Portage Loop route. In the CMP only "Relief Cabin (McKinley Creek)"; AHRS site SOL-80, was recommended for nomination to the NRHP (BLM 1986).

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