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PATROL CABI	NS, MOUNT MCKINLEY NATIONAL P	ARK	
Name: Riley Creek Ranger Cabin,	No. 20		
Location: 5 miles cross—country $1/4$ , SW 1/4, Sec. 29, T. 15S, R 7		Alaska Railroad, NE	
UTM References: 06/403050/7051830	Quadrangle: Hea	aly (C-4), AK	
Acreage and Boundary Description: circular ominated area is a 50 yard radius measu		e: 1:63,360 l cabin.	
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Description: Peeled, round logs oakum chinking; exterior unpainte peeled poles overlain with dirt a cade to form porch supported by p	ed; medium pitch gable roof sh and corrugated steel; gable es	neathed with abutting xtends beyond main fa—	

cade to form porch supported by peeled poles; peeled plate, purlin, and ridge logs exposed at both gable ends; rectangular; measures approximately 12' x 14' (inside); 1 story; sill log foundation; multi-light windows; removable wood window and door shutters. Alterations: root cellar filled in and some of the floor and floor joists replaced (1974). Site: No historic ancillary cultural features; no outhouse.

History and Significance:

Architect: Unknown (probably none)

Construction Date: 1931

Builder: National Park Service

The Riley Creek Ranger Cabin was the first of three patrol cabins constructed under the appropriation of fiscal year 1931 and the second patrol cabin built by the Park Service along the east park boundary. Two carpenters began work on the cabin in mid-July 1931. By the end of the month, the cabin was 40% completed. On August 15, when Superintendent Harry Liek transferred the carpfederers to the Lower Toklat River Cabin building site, the ranger cabin at Riley Creek was 80% completed. Throughout the 1930's, rangers used the cabin as a stopover on winter patrols through the park. With the advent of airplane patrols on the eve of World War II, Riley Creek Cabin fell into disuse. In 1950, Ranger William Nancarrow noted that the cabin had not been visited since 1946 and its condition was unknown. Since its construction, the cabin has experienced minimal exterior alterations.

In 1985, the Riley Creek Ranger Cabin is one of the eight boundary cabins that provides visual testimony of the winter patrol activities of the park ranger force in their effort to protect the park wildlife from illegal hunters and trappers.

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