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PATROL CABINS, MOUNT MCKINLEY NATIONAL PARK

Name: Moose Creek Ranger Cabin, No. 19

Location: 5 miles by trail north of Mile 73.8 on the park road, NE 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 34, T. 16S., R. 16W., Fairbanks Meridian

UTM References: 05/618810/7041420 Quadrangle: Mt. McKinley (B-2), AK

Acreage and Boundary Description: Less than 1 acre Scale: 1:63,360

Nominated property includes the patrol cabin, cache, dog houses, and outhouse within a 50 yard circular radius measured from the center of the patrol cabin.

Description: Peeled, log walls with saddle corner notching; log ends sawn and battered (slightly); oakum chinking; exterior unpainted; medium pitch gable roof sheathed with shiplap and corrugated steel; gable extends beyond main facade to form porch supported by peeled posts; stone-terraced porch floor; tie beam and king and queen posts in porch gable end; rectangular; measures approximately 12' x 22' (inside); 1 story; concrete foundation; multi-light windows; removable wood window and door shutters; 2-room interior. Alterations: root cellar filled in and plywood flooring laid on joists (1976). Site: log cache (on the ground) 40' northeast of cabin; outhouse 25' beyond; 5 dog houses 45' south of cabin and 9 dog houses 40' north and northwest of cabin.

History and Significance: Architect: National Park Service

Construction Date: 1935 Builder: National Park Service

As the westernmost ranger patrol cabin erected on the north boundary of the park, the Moose Creek Ranger Cabin was the last patrol cabin built in the park. It is one of three cabins constructed in the park with a two-room configuration and landscape architect-designed plans. The cabin was built according to plans (McK 3003) prepared by the Landscape Division of the National Park Service in 1932. In September 1934, lumber and supplies were taken to Mile 73 on the park road, ready to be transported five miles north to the cabin building site. With winter approaching, major work on the cabin presumably halted until the spring and summer of 1935. One year later, in 1936, park rangers constructed 14 dog houses and a cache (both still extant) at the Moose Creek Cabin. the cabin's remote location and limited use have minimized exterior alterations to the cabin and changes to the site.

In 1985, the Moose Creek Ranger Cabin and the contributing cultural features at the site represent the ranger patrol activities that were critical to the park's early efforts to protect the wildlife in Alaska's first national park.

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