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PATROL CABINS, MOUNT MCKINLEY NATIONAL PARK

Name: Sushana River Ranger Cabin, No. 17

Location: 10 miles cross-country and north of Mile 25 on park road, SE 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 7, T. 13S., R. 11W., Fairbanks Meridian

UTM References: 06/364700/7077300 Quadrangle: Healy (D-5), AK

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

Nominated area is a 50 yard circular radius measured from the center of the cabin.

Description: Peeled, round logs with saddle notching; sawn and battered log ends; moss and oakum chinking; exterior unpainted; medium pitch gable roof sheathed with abutting poles, overlain with moss and dirt and corrugated steel; gable extends beyond main facade 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: replacement of 6-light windows with 4 lights; original flooring replaced with plywood (1975). Site: no historic ancillary cultural features.

History and Significance

Architect: Unknown (probably none)

Construction Date: 1932

Builder: National Park Service

The Sushana Creek Ranger Cabin is one of five cabins that stands near the pre-1980 north boundary of the park. Selection of a building site for the cabin took place in early 1932. During February, park rangers freighted construction materials to the site and felled timber in the immediate vicinity of the proposed cabin. The Park Service contracted carpenters (possibly "two old Swedes") to accomplish the construction of the cabin. On June 22, 1932, work on the Sushana Creek Cabin was completed, and it became one more link in the chain of patrol cabins extending across the north boundary of the park. Park rangers used the cabin through the 1930's as a stopping place during their winter patrols of the park. Beginning in 1940, the cabin fell into disuse with the advent of airplane patrols. Ranger William Nancarrow noted in 1950 that the cabin on Sushana Creek had not been visited since 1940.

The cabin has witnessed minimal exterior alterations since its construction over 50 years ago. In 1985, it represents patrol activities in the 1930's that served to deter illegal hunting and trapping in the park.

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