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PATROL CABINS, MOUNT MCKINLEY NATIONAL PARK

Name: Ewe Creek Ranger Cabin (Lower Savage River Cabin), No. 8

Location: 5 miles downstream (north) on the Savage River from park highway (near Ewe Creek), NE 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 8, T. 13S., R. 9W., Fairbanks Meridian

UTM References: 06/384500/7076710 Quadrangle: Healy (D-5), AK

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

Nominated property includes an area within 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, oakum and peeled pole chinking; exterior unpainted; medium pitch gable roof sheathed with abutting poles, overlain with sod and corrugated steel; gable extends beyond main facade to form porch overhang; exposed log purlins and ridge; rectangular; measures approximately 12' x 14' (inside); 1 story; pressure treated timber foundation; multi-light windows with wide board surrounds; removable wood shutters. Alterations: major cabin rehabilitation in 1984; new 12'x12" pressure treated timber foundation; bottom two rounds of logs replaced all around (in kind); new door, door and window frames and flooring installed; walls rechinked. Site: recent outhouse approximately 40' from cabin.

History and Significance: Architect: Unknown (probably none)

Construction Date: 1931 Builder: National Park Service

The Lower Savage Ranger Cabin was one of four cabins built on the park boundary in 1931. This cabin replaced an earlier, dirt-floored, crudely-built cabin erected in 1924 near the juncture of Ewe Creek and the Savage River. Begun in the spring of 1931, the present Lower Savage Cabin was completed on May 10, 1931. "Two old Swedes" are said to have accomplished the actual construction. Six years later, in 1937, an 8' x 10' cache was constructed near the cabin. Throughout the 1930's, the Lower Savage Cabin served as a stopover for rangers patrolling the park boundary for illegal hunters and trappers. Although little used in the 1940's, the cabin was reported in good condition in 1950. The cabin has experienced minimal exterior alterations. This cabin and the seven other extant boundary cabins visually represent the pattern of ranger patrol activities in the 1930's.

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