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PATROL CABINS, MOUNT MCKINLEY NATIONAL PARK

Name: Lower East Fork Ranger Cabin, No. 9

Location: 25 miles downstream (north) on the East Fork Toklat River from park road, NW 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 12, T. 13S., R. 13W., Fairbanks Meridian

UTM References: 06/353190/7078050 Quadrangle: Healy (D-5), AK

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

Nominated property includes the patrol cabin, outhouse and doghouse houses and is 75 yards in a circular radius measured from the center of the cabin.

Description: Log walls peeled on three sides with axe and draw knife; saddle corner notching; sawn log ends of random lengths; moss chinking; exterior unpainted; medium pitch gable roof consisting of adjoining peeled poles, canvas, moss, dirt, and corrugated steel all layered; gable extends beyond main facade to form porch supported by poles; tie beam and radiating posts in porch gable; rectangular; measures 11'10" x 14' (inside); log foundation; multi-light windows; removable wood window and door shutters. Alterations: section of roof and a porch beam replaced in 1961; joists and flooring replaced in 1975. Siting: outhouse approximately 50' north of cabin; 4 log dog houses (deteriorating) in a line to the northwest of cabin.

History and Significance: Architect: Unknown (probably none)

Construction Date: 1930 Builder: National Park Service

The Lower East Fork Ranger Cabin is the oldest extant boundary patrol cabin in the park. Superintendent Harry Liek expressed the need for shelter cabins on the park boundary in the spring of 1929. In March that year, Liek selected the site for the proposed cabin on the East Fork River. The winter of 1929-30, rangers used dog teams to haul lumber for the cabin to the building site. In April and May 1930, completion of the cabin was accomplished. This cabin was the first patrol cabin to utilize galvanized metal for roofing rather than lumber and tar paper. Construction of this cabin may have employed the skills of rangers in addition to contracted labor. Substantial exterior alterations are minimal. This cabin and the seven other existing boundary cabins visually depict the winter activities of the early park rangers in their effort to prevent poaching inside the park boundaries.

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