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PATROL CABINS, MOUNT MCKINLEY NATIONAL PARK

Name: (Upper) Toklat River Cabin, No. 24

Location: Near main branch of Toklat River at Mile 53.7 and approximately 100' west of park road, NE 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 22, T. 16S., R. 13W., Fairbanks Meridian

UTM References: 05/646940/7046620 Quadrangle: Mt. McKinley (C-1), 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: Log walls hewn flat on three sides; single and double square corner notching; oakum chinking; exterior stained (?); medium pitch gable with shake roof; squared ridge pole, purlins, and rafters exposed to the weather; gable extends beyond main facade to form porch supported by vertical posts; west portion of porch enclosed with board and batten siding; rectangular; measures approximately 14' x 16' (interior); 1 story; sill logs serve as foundation; multi-light windows; attached wood shutters. Alterations: west portion of porch enclosed before 1950's; shake roof in 1979. Site: outhouse approximately 50' to southwest of cabin; storage shed 10' from south cabin wall; evidence of earlier structures several hundred feet to the west.

History and Significance:

Architect: Unknown

Construction Date: 1930 or 1931

Builder: Alaska Road Commission and National Park Service

The Toklat River Cabin was completed during the 1930 or 1931 building season when the Alaska Road Commission advanced its construction activities beyond the site of the cabin. Located today at Mile 53.7, the Toklat River Cabin, like the four cabins built before it, formed the nucleus of a summer road construction camp operated by the Road Commission. Since an earlier-built functioning ranger cabin (No. 4) stood only a few hundred yards south of the Toklat River Cabin, park rangers may have been reluctant to immediately move their winter patrol operations to the new cabin. However, by the mid-1930's, rangers made use of this cabin during their winter patrols of the park. Located near the center of the park on one of the major river and overland transportation routes, the Toklat River Cabin served as a critical link in the network of winter patrol activities conducted by park rangers. Due to its role as a major distribution point of supplies, rangers constructed a "storehouse" at the Toklat Cabin in 1935.

The Toklat River Cabin is significant for its association with the history of transportation and wildlife conservation in Alaska's first national park. Its exterior integrity has been compromised only by the enclosure of a portion of the porch with board and batten-sheathed frame walls.

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