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Supplementary Listing Record

NRIS Reference Number: MP100002780

Date Listed: 08/14/2018

Property Name: Kantishna Roadhouse

County: Denali

State: AK

This Property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation



Signature of the Keeper



Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

Geographical Data:

A boundary point for the roadhouse was inadvertently left out of the list in Section 10, though it is depicted on the boundary map.

The point should be labeled as point I. Its coordinates are: Latitude 63.52426533 Longitude - 150.959179.

The Alaska SHPO and NPS FPO was notified of this amendment.

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Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



MP 2780

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.



1. Name of Property

Historic name: Kantishna Roadhouse

Other names/site number: Alaska Heritage Resources Survey site no. MMK-00018; DENA-82-026; DENA-178; The Two Story; Old Kantishna Roadhouse; Historic Kantishna Roadhouse

Name of related multiple property listing:

Kantishna Historic Mining Resources of Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: Approx. 0.1 mile west of mile 91 of Denali Park Road, Denali National Park & Preserve

City or town: N/A State: Alaska County: Denali Borough

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

national statewide local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

A B C D

<u>Juliana A. Rowe / acting FPO</u>	<u>7/2/2018</u>
Signature of certifying official/Title:	Date
<u>National Park Service</u>	
State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

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In my opinion, the property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
<i>Joan M. Antonson</i>	<i>21 March 2018</i>
Signature of commenting official:	Date
<i>Deputy SHPD</i>	<i>Alaska</i>
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)

[Signature]
Signature of the Keeper

8/14/2018
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site

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Structure

Object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u>1</u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

DOMESTIC/Dwelling

GOVERNMENT/Post Office

SOCIAL/Meeting hall

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

VACANT/NOT IN USE

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

OTHER/vernacular

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)
Principal exterior materials of the property:

Foundation: WOOD/Log
Walls: WOOD/Log
Roof: ASPHALT

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The Kantishna Roadhouse is situated just southeast of the confluence of Moose and Eureka Creeks near mile 91 of the Denali Park Road. The property includes a two-story, 912-square-foot, front-gabled, hewed log building located 400 feet southeast of the Doyon's Kantishna Roadhouse lodge complex as well its associated resources which include a contributing pit feature, a non-contributing wood-frame outhouse, and a non-contributing wood sign erected in front of the building.¹ The Roadhouse sits back from the main circulation road. The sides and rear of the building are surrounded by a mix of aspen, willow, and spruce trees while the front of the building to the road is cleared of vegetation. The Roadhouse was built between 1919 and 1920, and the property initially functioned as a home, and then an office, a post office, and a

¹Doyon owns the adjacent Kantishna Roadhouse lodge complex near the historic Kantishna Roadhouse so all references to that property are "Doyon's Kantishna Roadhouse." The use of "Roadhouse" throughout the document refers to the historic Kantishna Roadhouse. Officials at the park often refer to the building as the "Two Story."

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community center during Kantishna's post-World War I revival.² The Roadhouse is in poor condition due to decades of neglect but it retains a remarkable amount of historic integrity for a building constructed in a mining district circa 1919; it is the oldest standing building in Denali National Park and Preserve.

Narrative Description

The Kantishna Roadhouse is located on the east bank of Moose Creek 1,000 feet upstream from the confluence of Eureka and Moose Creeks, and approximately 75 feet southeast of a private in-holding owned by Doyon Tourism, Inc. The Roadhouse is situated in the southwestern corner of the Liberty Number One placer claim which was declared null and void following its inclusion into Denali National Park and Preserve in 1980.³

Access to the Roadhouse currently requires pedestrians and vehicles to cross the Doyon Kantishna Roadhouse Lodge complex using the road at the entrance to their property. The road leads west from the Denali Park Road and then turns southeast past the complex's main lodge. The Roadhouse is about 400 feet beyond the lodge complex and the main building sits back 13 feet from the edge of the road. An existing trail to the north of the main building heads east. There are no circulation routes from the Denali Park Road or park property that connect directly to the Roadhouse.

The area that surrounds the main building contains a mixture of grasses and low groundcovers. Willows, aspens, and spruce all grow within close proximity to the Roadhouse and other features of the property. At the southwest corner of the Roadhouse there is a cluster of Aspen growing close to the building.

The Kantishna Roadhouse (AHRS site no. MMK-00018; LCS ID 036556) is a two-story log building measuring 19 feet 7 inches wide by 23 feet long.⁴ The building's long axis is roughly situated from east to west and the height measures 19 feet 6 inches at the top of the gable roof and 14 feet high at the eaves. The wall logs of the building are hewn flat on the interior and hewn square on the ends for cross-lap notching at the corners. The gables are ship-lapped boards covered with asphalt sheets. The roof's construction includes two inch by four inch rafters sheathed with boards and covered with plywood and asphalt rolled roofing. The ridge of the roof is bowing. The west façade's first floor features a six-light window to the left (north), a wood door roughly in the center, and a hinged wood barn door to the right (south). The six-light

² National Park Service, "Cultural Landscape Report for the Kantishna/Wonder Lake Area, Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska (draft)," by Timothy W. Layton and Eliot Foulds, National Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation (Boston, 2016), 310-311. Much of Section 7 relies on the surveys conducted by the Olmstead Center and National Park Service Alaska Regional Office specialists as well as a 2016 site visit by NPS cultural resource specialists.

³ Layton and Foulds, "Cultural Landscape Report for the Kantishna," 309; National Park Service, "Mining Compliance Site Inventory Form: Site No. MMK-018" (National Park Service), 1988.

⁴ The Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) is a cultural resources data repository managed by the State of Alaska's Office of History and Archaeology (Alaska SHPO); The List of Classified Structures (LCS) is an inventory of evaluated historically and/or architecturally significant resources administered by the National Park Service.

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window contains a broken glass pane. The west façade's second floor has a centered window formed from two frames each containing six lights. There is an identical two-frame window located on the second floor in the eastern section of the north elevation. A contemporary replacement window with log infill around the original window opening is located on the second floor in the eastern half of the south elevation. Overall, the Roadhouse is in poor condition with vertical wood braces bolted through all elevations of the building.⁵

Some stabilization work was performed on the Roadhouse during the 1980s by local craftsman Harold Eastwood and in July of 1989 by National Park Service (NPS) employees David Evans and Michelle Morseth. Sometime around mid-1980s, Eastwood was hired by Roberta Wilson, a Kantishna property inholder, to reroof the building and brace the rafters in order to stabilize and keep it dry.⁶ The NPS work conducted in 1989 consisted of placing spruce timbers upright along the four internal and external corners of the building and fastening them together with thread rod between the building's logs. The center sections of each wall also were stabilized with spruce timbers on the interior and exterior. Interior cable cross bracing was used to provide support to the second floor and timber cribbing was placed in the root cellar in an effort to stabilize the main level. Additionally, the crew cleared willow and alder brush within 20 feet of the building.⁷

The interior of the Roadhouse is not well-documented but has been affected by the 1980s stabilization process. The ground level flooring was constructed of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch planks of various widths. The second floor contains $\frac{3}{4}$ by 5 inch ship-lapped planking. A post was added to the center of the building in the 1980s to support the roof. A cellar is under the building and is estimated to be about three feet deep in some areas but its dimensions are undeterminable due to slumping. On the north side, there is a wood ladder in place to access the second level. The building is currently vacant but was used periodically for storage by the Kantishna Roadhouse Lodge during the 1980s and later.⁸

In 2014, NPS archeologists conducted some shovel tests around the perimeter of the Roadhouse. A pit feature was discovered 12 feet north of the north elevation of the building. The pit measures two feet and two inches north to south by two feet east to west; it is one foot and ten inches deep. The pit contained a fragment of terrestrial mammal long bone and wood fragments, and can be classified as historic trash midden or an old outhouse pit. Based on the pit's location and the remains recovered, it has the potential to provide information about the use of the Roadhouse and the daily lives of its inhabitants and is considered a contributing resource of the property.⁹

⁵ Layton and Foulds, "Cultural Landscape Report for the Kantishna," 309-311.

⁶ During the 1980s, Wilson and Dan Ashbrook built lodge cabins and outbuildings on a five-acre private inholding near the confluence of Moose and Eureka Creeks, adjacent to the Historic Kantishna Roadhouse. Wilson used the Roadhouse for storage and its usage was a part of a dispute between the NPS and Wilson during the 1980s. Native Corporation Doyon acquired the property from Wilson in the 1990s and continues to operate the lodge. Roberta Wilson Correspondence, "Kantishna Roadhouse," Cultural Resources Files, Denali National Park & Preserve.

⁷ National Park Service, "Mining Compliance Site Inventory Form: MMK-018" (National Park Service), 1988; David Evans Memo, 9-29-1989, "Kantishna Roadhouse," Cultural Resource Files, Denali National Park & Preserve.

⁸ National Park Service, "Mining Compliance Site Inventory Form: MMK-018" (National Park Service), 1988.

⁹ Phoebe Gilbert email, 4-5-2017. Gilbert was the lead Archeologist on the shovel tests.

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A notable feature of the Roadhouse property is a wood-frame outhouse (Kantishna Roadhouse Photo #38) that is located 20 feet north of the main building. The outhouse is approximately five feet square and the exterior is sheathed in plywood. A shed roof containing asphalt shingles covers the outhouse. The construction date of the outhouse is undetermined, but may be a contributing resource if evidence becomes available. Other features are two signs identifying the Roadhouse. One is a wood sign above the hinged barn door that reads: "Original Roadhouse built in 1919. This Cabin was used as post office and roadhouse by the miners living in the valley." A few feet from the northwest façade of the building, and close to the access road, a rectangle sign was erected and mounted to a wood pole with the inscription: "Kantishna Roadhouse Circa 1919." The signs are non-contributing resources because they were not present during the period of significance.¹⁰

The Roadhouse's survival is remarkable and unusual considering it was built in a remote mining district in Alaska in the early twentieth century. Few historic mining resources from the period remain. Although an advanced state of deterioration has set in due to deferred maintenance, the Roadhouse retains enough integrity to make it one of the most significant extant cultural resources from the Kantishna Mining District; it is the oldest building in Denali National Park and Preserve.

STATEMENT OF INTEGRITY

The Kantishna Roadhouse conveys its historic significance by retaining the seven aspects of integrity: location, setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The building remains in its original location near the confluence of Moose and Eureka Creeks which was considered an important part of the Kantishna town site during the resurgence of the region's mining activity following World War I.

The setting of the Roadhouse is largely unchanged but is somewhat affected by the limited tourist lodge development in the Kantishna area during the 1980s and 1990s. Several property in-holders have transformed the area's industry from mining to tourism; however, much of the small-scale development is rustic in appearance and does not negatively affect the setting.¹¹ Doyon's Kantishna Roadhouse Lodge complex is located within 400 feet of the property and over the last 30 years the buildings and structures of their operation have encroached on the historic Roadhouse. Many of the buildings and structures that appear in 1920s photographs are no longer extant but the Roadhouse was always surrounded by buildings during its historic period.

The natural environment around the Roadhouse has changed since most mining operations ceased in the mid-1980s. Photos from the 1920s, 1930s, and 1950s show little foliage and an

¹⁰ Layton and Foulds, "Cultural Landscape Report for the Kantishna," 309-311, 316.

¹¹ "In-holders" are property owners who own land within Denali National Park & Preserve. After the national park expanded in 1980 to include the Kantishna region, several mining claim owners were able to retain ownership of their claims under the terms of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

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almost barren landscape surrounding the Old Eureka/Kantishna settlement.¹² Willow, aspen, spruce, and grasses have moved into the area and retaken the landscape.¹³

The setting of the Roadhouse has also retained integrity due to limited access via the nearby Denali Park Road which is managed as a historic resource and has been maintained as a rustic gravel road since its completion into Kantishna in 1938. One reason the Alaska Road Commission started building the road in 1922 with a terminus in Kantishna was to give improved access to the mining claims.

Photographs from the 1920s reveal that the Roadhouse retains most elements of its exterior design. A photograph from circa 1921 reveals a lean-to structure attached to the west façade's entrance. It appears to be an "arctic entry" used for winter.¹⁴ The arctic entry no longer remains and it is not clear if it was a part of the building's original design.

The original exterior materials used to build the Roadhouse are still largely in place. Some rotting logs were replaced in 1987, and Denali National Park personnel stabilized the building in 1989.¹⁵

Workmanship from the period is still evident. The local materials used and method of construction are representative of rustic Interior Alaska vernacular.

The feeling of a remote early twentieth century mining district aesthetic remains due to limited rustic development and continued limited access. Association with the old Kantishna mining community is present and can be improved as historic mining resources along Moose Creek and adjacent sections of the Kantishna Hills are preserved. The Roadhouse is centrally located among the mining resources identified in the 1993 Old Eureka/Kantishna Determination of Eligibility.

¹² The original settlement that developed in 1905 was called Eureka. The name of the settlement was changed to Kantishna, but the area is often referred to as "Old Eureka."

¹³ See historic photos in Appendix 2.

¹⁴ "Kantishna P.O. (circa 1921)," James Gordon Steese Collection, Dickinson College Archives, Carlisle, PA Accessed 4-7-2017. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/dickinsonlibrary/3028351484/in/album-72157608818071795/>; See Appendix 2: "Historic Photographs."

¹⁵ National Park Service, "Mining Compliance Site Inventory Form: MMK-018" (National Park Service), 1988; David Evans Memo, 9-29-1989, "Kantishna Roadhouse" Cultural Resource Files, Denali National Park & Preserve.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Social History

Period of Significance

1919-1942

Significant Dates

1919-1920: Construction dates

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

Euro-American

Architect/Builder

Wilson, C. Herbert -- Builder

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

Summary Paragraph

The Kantishna Roadhouse is eligible for the National Register at the local level under Criterion A. It represents the social history of the Kantishna mining community's period of significance from 1919 to 1942. The Roadhouse was built in 1919 or 1920 under the direction of Kantishna Mining District Commissioner C. Herbert Wilson, and is probably the oldest extant building from the historic Kantishna mining era as well as the oldest building located in Denali National Park and Preserve.¹⁶ The Roadhouse's location and functions made it a centerpiece of "old downtown" Kantishna—an area just southeast of the confluence of Moose and Eureka Creek that developed as a settlement during Kantishna's various mining booms.¹⁷ The building started as a home for the Commissioner but soon functioned as an unofficial government office, post office, and community meeting space.

The end of the Roadhouse's period of significance is 1942 when Federal Order L-208 forced the shutdown most of the gold mining industry due to World War II. The Roadhouse and the Kantishna settlement functioned differently following the War, but the building continued to find use by local miners as a living quarter and storage space. The Roadhouse is one of the few remaining buildings that represents the built environment of the Kantishna Mining District's 1903-1942 period of significance outlined in *Kantishna Historic Mining Resources of Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska* Multiple Property Documentation Form.

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

The Kantishna Roadhouse represents the social history of Kantishna's 1920s revival as a mining community and is one of the few in-tact cultural resources remaining from the historic mining era (1903-1942). The building was located in an area along Moose Creek that became centrally important to Kantishna's mining resurgence in the 1920s and was situated in the same area as the 1905 stampede's largest encampment.

The Kantishna Roadhouse was constructed at the behest of Kantishna Mining District Commissioner Charles Herbert Wilson (he was referred to as C. Herbert in most official documents) in 1919 or 1920 based on existing interview evidence provided by Kantishna mining veterans Arthur Schmuck and Earl Pilgrim. The alleged construction date corresponds with a sharp rise in mining activity and the revival of the Kantishna settlement in the location of the old

¹⁶ The Kantishna Roadhouse was not within the boundaries of the national park prior to the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) in 1980.

¹⁷ Tom Walker, *McKinley Station: The People of the Pioneer Park that Became Denali* (Missoula, MT: Pictorial Histories Publishing Company, 2009), 96-97.

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Eureka Camp.¹⁸ Although it is called the Roadhouse, the building never functioned as a traditional Alaskan Roadhouse but it did serve multiple purposes. It was originally built as a residence for Wilson but he immediately began operating a post office out of it while he served as Post Master of the Kantishna District from 1919 to 1922.¹⁹ It was also reported that Wilson operated a store in the fledgling settlement but it is not clear whether or not it was located within the Roadhouse building.²⁰

The Roadhouse's existence and significance was the result of a renewed interest in the Kantishna region's riches which had not been fully exhausted during the initial 1905-06 stampede. The remoteness of the area resulted in high transportation costs which often led to the demise of many operations; however, the completion of the government railroad between Fairbanks and Seward in the 1920s, and the construction of the 92 mile Mount McKinley National Park Road during the 1920s and 1930s, brought optimism to prospectors and investors. In addition, significant developments in air travel allowed prospectors, surveyors, and investors improved access to a region that was temporally restrictive and burdensome to reach. Optimism was further stoked by government surveyors and local newspapers that published glowing reports of the Kantishna region's mineral potential during this period.²¹

Miners in larger numbers started returning to the Kantishna area in 1919 as a part of a big investment by Thomas Aitken in lode mining along Mineral Ridge (now known as Quigley Ridge). The lode claims were just north of the Roadhouse's "downtown" Kantishna location. An early 1920s photograph shows the two-story Kantishna Roadhouse with multiple buildings in the immediate vicinity. Many laborers came to Kantishna during this time to build the Kantishna dam and ditch as a part of a large hydraulic mining operation administered by James "Doc" Sutherland and the Kantishna Hydraulic Mining Company (KHMC). The KHMC's hydraulic system spanned between Wonder Lake and the Kantishna settlement and the employees lived in cabins near where the Roadhouse was built.²²

In the 1920s and 1930s, the Roadhouse served as the main community building in the area; besides operating as a post office, there were informal accommodations for travelers and visitors

¹⁸ William E. Brown, *Denali: Symbol of the Alaska Wild* (Denali National Park and Preserve: Alaska Natural History Association, 1993), 115. The Kantishna settlement on the southeast bank of the confluence of Moose and Eureka Creek was originally called "Eureka" in 1905. It was renamed Kantishna but has been called various names including Shamrock City and Commissioner Wilson renamed it Kantishna City for a short time. See Walker, *McKinley Station*, 97.

¹⁹ Melvin B. Ricks, *Directory of Alaska Postoffices and Postmasters* (Ketchikan, AK: Tongass Publishing Co., 1965), p. 31; Tom Walker, *Kantishna Musers, Miners, and Mountaineers: The Pioneer Story Behind Mount McKinley National Park* (Missoula, MT: Pictorial Histories Publishing Company, 2005), 108.

²⁰ National Park Service, "The Quest for Gold: An Overview of the National Park Service Cultural Resources Mining Inventory and Monitoring Program" by Becky Saleeby (Anchorage: National Park Service, 2000), 383; "News Nuggets from Alaska," *Douglas Island News*, September 26, 1919.

²¹ U.S. Geological Survey, "The Kantishna Region, Alaska," by Stephen Capps (Washington, D.C.: GPO, 1919), 95; "News Nuggets from Alaska," *Douglas Island News*, June 20, 1919.

²² Saleeby "The Quest for Gold," 383; William E. Brown, *A History of the Denali-Mount McKinley, Region, Alaska: Historic Resource Study of Denali National Park and Preserve Volume 1* (Santa Fe: National Park Service), "Aitken Will Open Quigley Property, Kantishna Region," *Nenana Daily News*, May 29, 1919. Ch. 6; See historic photo in Appendix 2, Figures 1 and 2.

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if they needed a place to rest.²³ Many of the mining reports produced by the territorial government and federal government during the 1920s used the “Kantishna Post Office” as a reference point when explaining the distance between Roosevelt and Kantishna—two important settlements that catered to miners as they navigated to claims in the Kantishna Hills from Nenana or Fairbanks.²⁴ The 1921 photograph (see Appendix 2) of the building from the James Steese Collection is titled “Kantishna P.O.” and long-time resident Johnnie Busia who lived and worked in Kantishna until 1957 was known to refer to the Roadhouse as the “post office.”²⁵

After Kantishna’s period of significance ended in the 1940s, the Roadhouse and its surroundings were used during small mining booms which occurred periodically until the 1980s. Following the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands (ANILCA), the National Park Service acquired the Liberty Number One Mining Claim and the Kantishna Roadhouse. In 1989 they performed stabilization work which required internal bracing throughout the building.²⁶

The Kantishna Roadhouse historic context is provided in Section E of the *Kantishna Historic Mining Resources of Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska* Multi-Property Documentation Form under the Associated Historic Context: “Early Mining and Settlement in the Kantishna Hills, 1903-44.”

²³ Brown, *Denali: Symbol of the Alaska Wild*, 114-115; Saleeby, “CRMIM,” 383;

²⁴ Territory of Alaska, “Annual Report of the Territorial mine Inspector to the Governor of Alaska, 1920,” by B.D. Stewart (Juneau: Alaska Daily Empire, 1921), 14; Territory of Alaska, “Annual Report of the Territorial mine Inspector to the Governor of Alaska, 1922,” by B.D. Stewart (Juneau: Alaska Daily Empire, 1923), 133; Superintendent Monthly Report, Mount McKinley National Park, May, 1922; U.S. Geological Survey, “Mineral Resources of Alaska: Report on Progress of Investigations in 1925,” by F.H. Moffit and Others (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1927), 81.

²⁵ Brown, *Denali: Symbol of the Alaska Wild*, 115.

²⁶ National Park Service, “Mining Compliance Site Inventory Form: MMK-018” (National Park Service), 1988.

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Newspapers

Douglas Island News
Fairbanks Daily News Miner
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Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # HAER AK-41
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

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Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): Alaska Heritage Resources Survey No. MMK-00018; DENA-82-026; DENA-178

10. Geographical Data

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Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates (decimal degrees)

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The boundary for the Kantishna Roadhouse includes the building which is 19 feet 7 inches wide by 23 feet long. The long axis of the building is roughly oriented from west to east. The land immediately adjacent to the Historic Roadhouse extending from the outer walls about 25 feet, including the outhouse which is 20 feet north of the building and a pit which is roughly ten feet north of the building, are included in the boundary.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The Kantishna Roadhouse is located on Liberty Number One mining claim that was declared null and void following the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) in 1980. Boundaries were selected based on presence a contributing outbuilding and potential sites which extend 25 feet from the exterior walls of the main building.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization: National Park Service

street & number: _____

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date: 2/16/2018

Additional Documentation

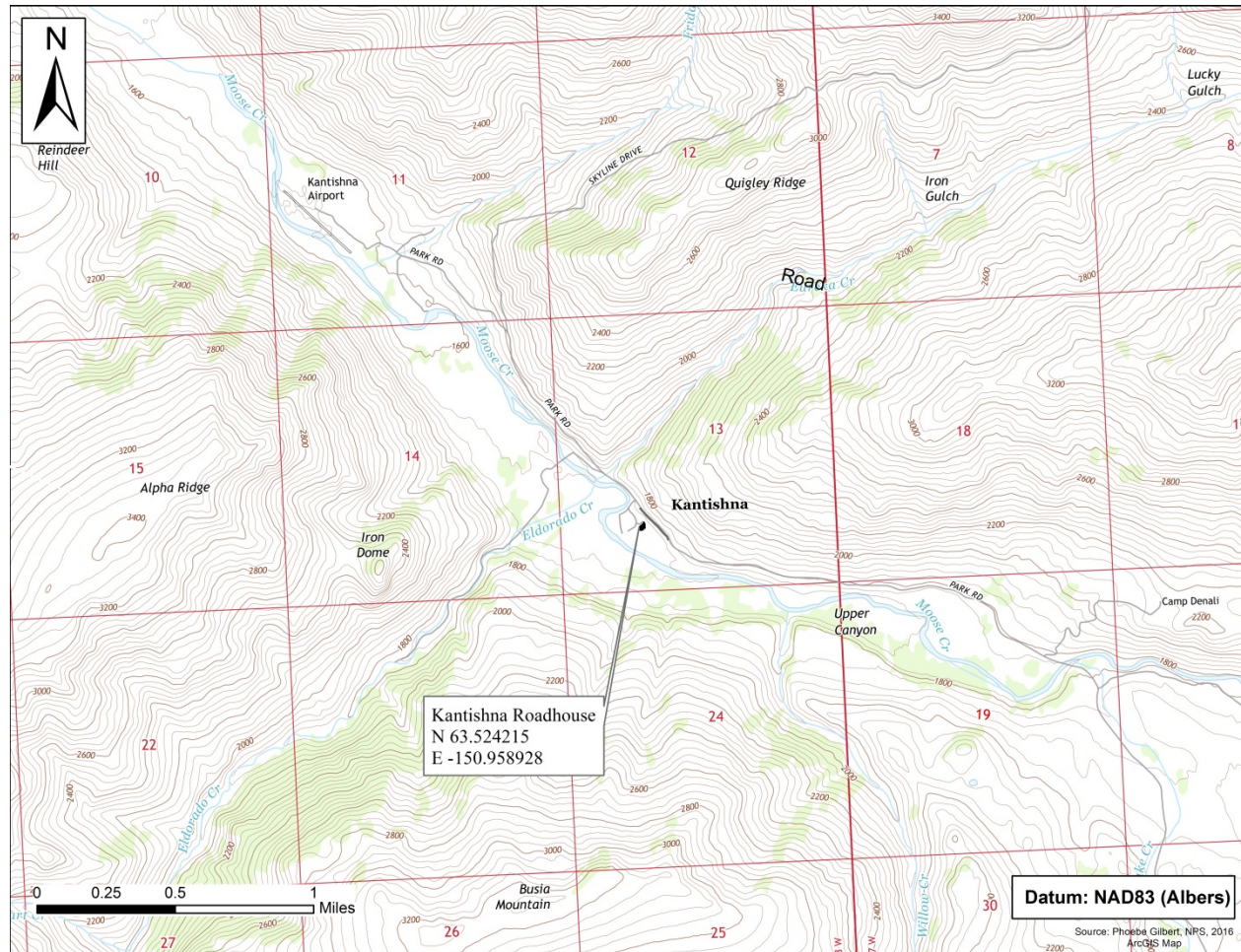
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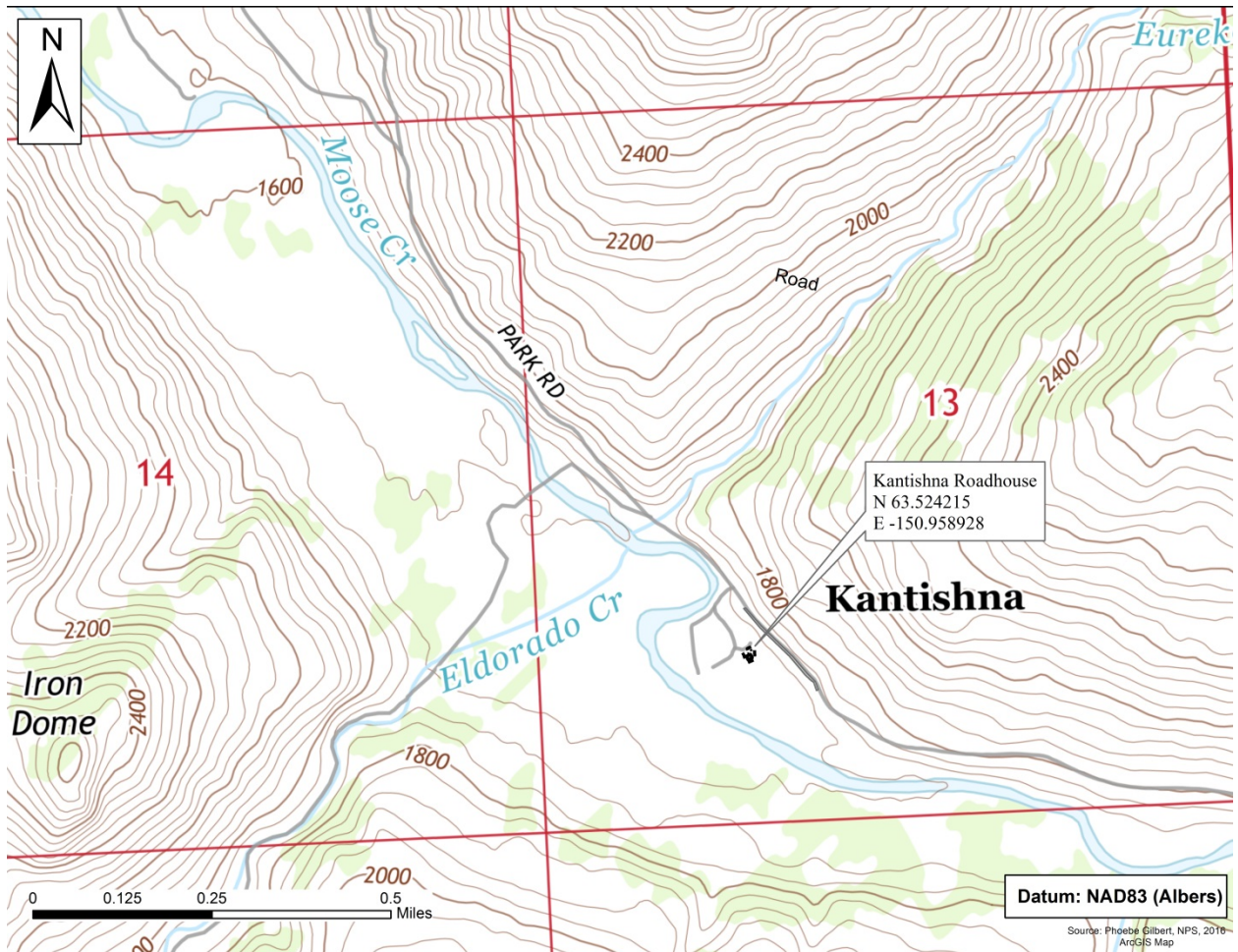
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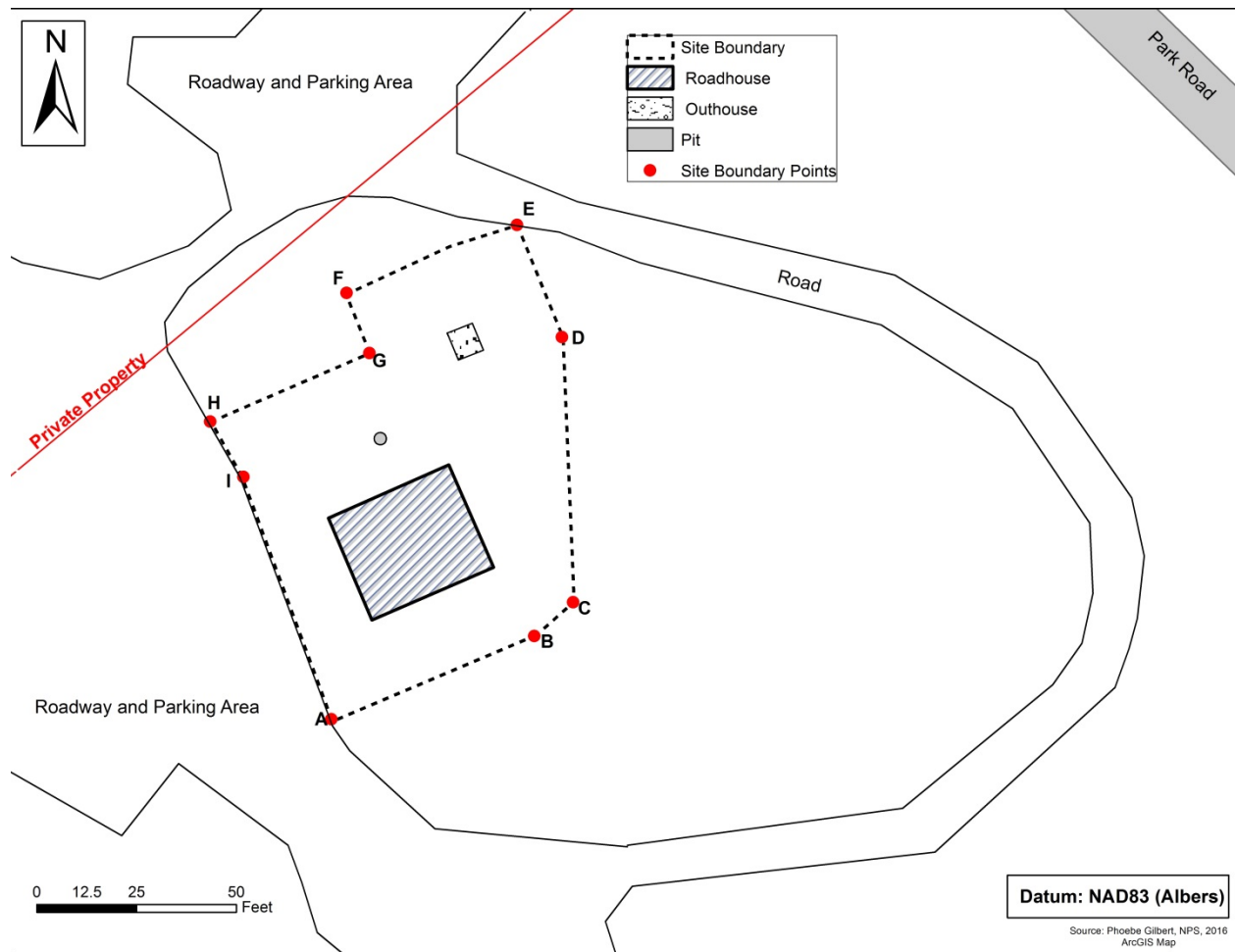
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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property:	Kantishna Roadhouse
City or Vicinity:	Denali National Park and Preserve
Borough:	Denali Borough
Name of Photographer:	Erik Johnson
Date of Photographs:	September 2016 and June 2015
Location of Original Digital Files:	Denali National Park and Preserve

Photo #1 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0001)
North elevation (left) and west façade (right), camera facing southeast.



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Photo #2 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0002)

North elevation (left) and west façade (right), camera facing east.



Photo #3 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0003)

West elevation sign, camera facing east.



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Photo #4 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0004)

West façade, camera facing east.



Photo #5 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0005)

North elevation, camera facing southeast.



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Photo #6 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0006)

North elevation, camera facing east.



Photo #7 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0007)

North elevation, camera facing south.



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Photo #8 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0008)

East elevation (left) and north elevation (right), camera facing southwest.



Photo #9 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0009)

East elevation, camera facing west.



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Photo #10 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0010)
South elevation, camera facing north.



Photo #11 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0011)
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Photo #12 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0012)
South elevation (left) and east elevation (right), camera facing northwest.



Photo #13 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0013)
South elevation, camera facing west.



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Photo #14 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0014)

South elevation, camera facing northeast.



Photo #15 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0015)

West façade (left) and south elevation (right), camera facing northeast.



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Photo #16 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0016)

West façade (left) and south elevation (right), camera facing north.



Photo #17 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0017)

West façade door, camera facing east.



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Photo #18 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0018)
Interior main level, camera facing east.



Photo #19 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0019)
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Photo #20 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0020)
Interior main level, camera facing southeast.



Photo #21 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0021)
Interior ceiling, camera facing east.



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Photo #22 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0022)
Interior main level, camera facing southwest.



Photo #23 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0023)
Interior main level, camera facing south.



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Photo #24 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0024)
Interior second level, camera facing southwest.



Photo #25 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0025)
Interior second level, camera facing south.



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Photo #26 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0026)
Interior second level, camera facing southeast.



Photo #27 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0027)
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Photo #28 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0028)
Interior second level, camera facing southwest.



Photo #29 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0029)
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Photo #30 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0030)
Interior second level ceiling, camera facing south.



Photo #31 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0031)
Interior second level, camera facing southwest.



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Photo #32 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0032)

Interior second level, camera facing west.



Photo #33 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0033)

Interior main level, camera facing west toward entrance.



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Photo #34 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0034)
West façade, camera facing east.



Photo #35 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0035)
West façade, camera facing east.



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Photo #36 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0036)

West façade and access road, camera facing east.



Photo #37 of 37 (AK_Denali Borough_Kantishna Roadhouse_0037)

North elevation of outhouse, camera facing southwest.



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Appendix 1. Chronology: Kantishna Roadhouse

1918: Senator Key Pittman of Nevada sponsors and passes legislation that fixes silver's price at a level higher than market value (\$1/ounce). This brings in interest in lode deposits everywhere, including Joe Quigley's claim near the mouth of Friday Creek which was then leased by Hawley Sterling of the Alaska Road Commission (1988 correspondence from Edgar Brooker to Bill Brown at DENA Museum Collections).

1918: During the summer, only 36 people lived in the Kantishna District, over half of them were original stampeders. The Great War had drained Alaska of labor (Walker, *McKinley Station*, 93).

1919: Geologist Stephen Capps traveled through Kantishna and thought there was potential for a community if transportation improvements could happen (Walker, *McKinley Station*, 95).

1919: Arthur (Art) Schmuck of Nenana (formerly of Kantishna) remember the carved date "1919" on the door lintel when he saw the roadhouse about 1955 (1989, Cultural File: note from Bill Brown to George Wagmen). Lintel has since been replaced (Saleeby, *CRMIM*, 383).

Ca. 1919: C. Herbert Wilson quits job as railroad construction supervisor to develop silver and business prospects in Kantishna (Walker, *McKinley Station*, 96).

1919: Joe Quigley leased a group of claims on Quigley Ridge to Thomas P. Aitken, including the Little Annie claim. Aitken built a camp, and by the end of the year, had mined approximately 500 tons of high-grade silver and gold bearing ore which he shipped to a smelter in California. This was the first ore produced in the Kantishna Hills and sent to a smelter in the lower 48. This first commercial recovery of ore spurred the development of other lode prospects. Aitken ended up leaving the district in 1922 because of the prohibitive transportation and operation costs (Bryant, 170). It is reported that Aitken paid the Quigleys \$10,000 for the property and were supposed to pay an additional \$200,000 as ore was taken from the ledges but the latter part never happened (Haigh, 90-91; also see Walker, *McKinley Station*, 99).

1919: Aitken's plan for the Quigley claims involved establishing a transshipment point at Roosevelt on the Kantishna River. From Roosevelt, longtime packer Ed Bartlett would haul supplies 30 miles overland with horses (further details of the transit plan and its ultimate environmental failures on p. 85 of Jane Haigh's 2007 *Searching for Fannie Quigley*).

1919: Eureka Camp contains about a dozen log cabins, a few tents, a small store, and around 29 year-round residents. C. Herbert Wilson, who was acting as an agent for the Quigleys, tries to rename the camp "Kantishna City." The name didn't stick, nor did "Shamrock City" which was the name in 1918 (Walker, *McKinley Station*, 96).

1919: C. Herbert Wilson appointed U.S. Commissioner of the Kantishna District based at Glen Creek. He constructed a two-story log cabin in Eureka as a residence for his family, which he used as an unofficial office. The residence would later become the Kantishna Roadhouse

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(Bryant, *Snapshots*, 187). Judge Charles Bunnell appointed Wilson who was in his late 20s (Walker, *McKinley Station*, 96).

1919: Fannie Quigley sells C. Herbert Wilson a house lot in Eureka Camp for \$1 (Walker, *McKinley Station*, 96).

1919: Winter of 1919-20, Wilson constructs a two-story log building in Eureka for use as a home and office. This becomes known as the “Kantishna Roadhouse” although it never functions as a typical roadhouse (Walker, *McKinley Station*, 97). In Bill Brown’s *History of Denali-McKinley Region*, he deduces from verbal and photographic evidence that the Roadhouse was constructed in 1919 or 1920 (p. 115-117). Photo is in the UAF Stephen Foster Collection 69-92-594.

1920: The Kantishna Hydraulic Mining Company begins hauling supplies and equipment up the Kantishna River to Roosevelt then overland to Kantishna (Bryant, 181).

1920: J.A. Haney a miner working on Charles McGonagall’s claims estimated that over 100 men were at work in Kantishna in the summer of 1920 and by the fall there were over 200 (Walker, *McKinley Station*, 95).

1920: Billy Taylor and J.C. Van Orsdel attracted outside investors for their hydraulic venture, Mount McKinley Gold Placers, Inc. (Walker, *McKinley Station*, 105).

1920: Earl Pilgrim, who mined in Kantishna Hills for many years, told Thomas Bundtzen that Roadhouse was built “about 1920” (Saleeby, *CRMIM*, 383).

1920: During the summer there were about 100 people in Kantishna, by autumn the number was almost at 200 (Walker, *McKinley Station*, 95).

1920s: C. Herbert Wilson constructed the Kantishna Roadhouse which was a two-story building that served as a general store, transient lodge, and residence for his family (CLR Draft 2012, p. 45).

1921: Edgar Brooker, Sr. appointed commissioner of the Kantishna District on December 23rd (Walker, *Kantishna*, 108). Commissioner’s job was “judge, chief law officer, mining claim recorder, and generally ‘the government.’ As it existed in bush Alaska” (Brown, *History of the Denali*, 115).

1921: Quigleys had built their home cabin on their Red Top claim above Friday Creek (Walker, *McKinley Station*, 92).

Ca. 1921: Photo of Kantishna Roadhouse from the James Gordon Steese Collection located at Dickinson College: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/dickinsonlibrary/3028351484/in/album-72157608818071795/>

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1921-1924: The ARC upgraded 34 miles of trail to a wagon road between Roosevelt and Kantishna in order to support the needs of the KHMC, as well as Thomas Aitken on Quigley Ridge and the Mount McKinley Gold Placers Company, which had started a large-scale hydraulic operation on Caribou Creek (Bryant, 181).

1922: Edgar Brooker Jr. arrives in Kantishna in summer of 1922 with his father (Edgar Brooker) and mother and set up a home on the bench at Friday gulch. Brooker, Jr. left in January of 1923 to go to Palo Alto, CA to finish high school and enter Stanford. Brooker Sr. succeeded Wilson as Commission of the Kantishna District (DENA Cultural Files: 1988 Letter from Brooker to Bill Brown. Bill Brown relays info from correspondence in *History of Denali-McKinley Region* 115-117).

1922: Hydraulic Mining begins on Moose Creek slightly downstream from Moose Creek (Walker, *McKinley Station*, 104).

1922: A crew of 29 men from the KHMC completes the installation of the hydraulic plant on Moose Creek near the mouth of Eureka Creek. They also constructed three buildings in their camp: a mess hall, a bunkhouse, and a cabin for the Sutherlands (Bryant, 182).

1924: Charles Trundy appointed Commissioner of Kantishna on March 19th (Walker, *Kantishna*, 108).

1920s-30s: Roadhouse served as the central public structure of the Kantishna community, and is the only surviving community structure of that period (Saleeby, *CRMIM*, 383).

1930: Only two people stay in the old Eureka camp over winter (Brown, *History of Denali-McKinley*, Ch. 6).

1937: Photo of the Roadhouse in the Alaska State Library Alaska Road Commission collection 61-18-102.

1950s: Frank Bonnell (Bunnell) possibly lived in Roadhouse during this period according to 2009 Jane Bryant interview with Dan Ashbrook (Cultural Files: Dan Ashbrook interview notes 3-13-2009).

1956: Photo of the Roadhouse in the Charles Ott collection at Denali National Park.

1958: Arley R. Taylor filed for a five-acre homesite north of the Kantishna Roadhouse which was granted in 1967 (2012 CLR Draft, 242).

Ca. 1988: Local Kantishna craftsman Harold Eastwood is hired by Roberta Wilson to conduct some stabilization on the Roadhouse. This includes replacing the roof and bracing the rafters (NPS, "Mining Compliance Site Inventory Form: MMK-018," 1988).

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1989: Roberta Wilson, owner of the Kantishna Roadhouse lodge, thanks Park Supt. Russ Berry for saving the Roadhouse with the stabilization. (Cultural Files: Letter from Roberta Wilson to Russ Berry, July 24, 1989).

1989: Stabilization of Roadhouse happens between July 7 and 25th. Work performed by David Evans and Michelle Morseth. Willow and alder brush within 20' of the building were cleared. The work consisted of placing 8" x 8" spruce timbers vertically from the floor to the ceiling in each of the four internal corners. On each side of the external corners 4" x 8" timbers were placed vertically from the ground to the roof. Structure was additionally stabilized by the use of cable cross bracing. First story floor was stabilized by placing timber cribbing in the root cellar and a new timber threshold was installed beneath the floor. More details in David Evans memo (Cultural Files: David Evans Memo "Stabilization of Kantishna Roadhouse" September 29, 1989).

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Appendix 2. Historic Photographs



Figure 1. "Kantishna P.O. (circa 1921)" (James Gordon Steese Collection, Dickinson College Archives)

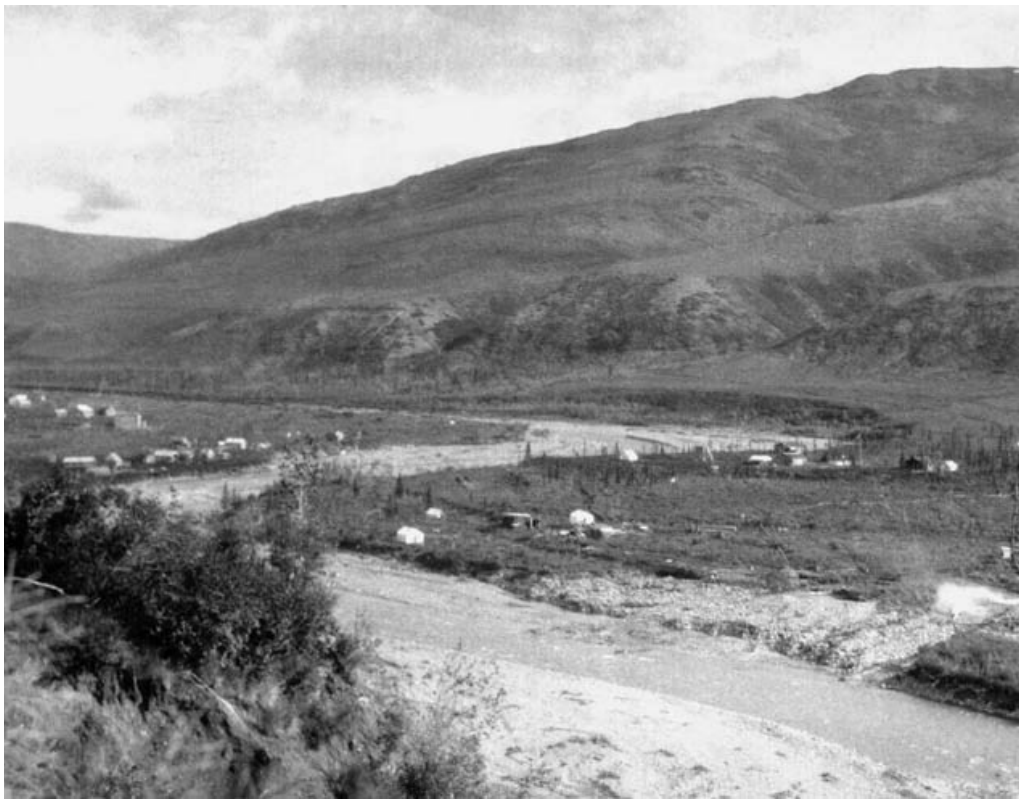


Figure 2. Kantishna Townsite on Moose Creek (1922 U.S. Geographical Survey, Philip S. Smith Collection #1404)

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Figure 3. Kantishna settlement in 1937; Kantishna Roadhouse in the distance (Alaska State Library, Alaska Road Commission Collection, 61-18-102)



Figure 4 Kantishna roadhouse 1956 (Charles Ott Photo, Denali National Park & Preserve Collection)

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Figure 5. Kantishna Roadhouse in 1988, one year before NPS stabilization (“Kantishna Roadhouse,” Cultural Resources Files, Denali National Park, 1988)

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Nomination

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Multiple Name: Kantishna Historic Mining Resources of Denali National Park and Preserve, MPS

State & County: ALASKA, Denali

Date Received: 7/3/2018 Date of Pending List: 7/25/2018 Date of 16th Day: 8/9/2018 Date of 45th Day: 8/17/2018 Date of Weekly List:

Reference number: MP100002780

Nominator: State

Reason For Review:

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Accept Return Reject 8/14/2018 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: The Kantishna Roadhouse is locally significant under National Register Criterion A in the area of Social History. The oldest extant building in Denali National Park and Preserve, and one of the few historic mining era resources remaining from the 1919 period, the Kantishna Roadhouse (1919-20) served as a residence, post office, community meeting space, and governmental offices for the Kantishna mining community. The property meets the Registration Requirements of the Kantishna MPS.

Recommendation/ Criteria: Accept NR Criterion A.

Reviewer: Paul Lusignan Discipline: Historian
Telephone: (202)354-2229 Date: 08/14/2018

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : YES

If a nomination is returned to the nomination authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the National Park Service.



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Memorandum

To: Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

From: Acting, NPS Federal Preservation Officer *Jhk*

Subject: Kantishna Historic Mining Resources of Denali National Park and Preserve Multiple Property Submission, and National Register Nomination Kantishna Roadhouse, Denali National Park, Alaska

I am forwarding the Multiple Property Submission document for Kantishna Historic Mining Resources of Denali National Park and Preserve, and the National Register Nomination for Kantishna Roadhouse, Denali National Park, Alaska. The Park History Program has reviewed the MPS document and the nomination, and found that the MPS adequately establishes the historic context for mining resources in the Kantishna area, and that the Kantishna Roadhouse is eligible under Criterion A with an Area of Significance of Social History. Please note that a boundary point for the roadhouse was inadvertently left out of the list in Section 10, though it is depicted on the boundary map. The point should be labeled as point I. Its coordinates are: Latitude 63.52426533; Longitude -150.959179.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and chief local elected official(s) were sent the documentation on February 20, 2018. Within 45 days, the SHPO x supported supported with comments did not respond. Any comments received are included with the documentation.

If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Spradley-Kurowski at 202-354-2266 or kelly_spradley-kurowski@nps.gov.