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PATROL CABINS, MOUNT MCKINLEY NATIONAL PARK

Name: Igloo Creek Cabin, No. 25

Location: Near Igloo Creek at Mile 34.1 and less than 50' north of park road, SE 1/4, SE 1/4, Sec. 13, T. 15S., R. 11W., Fairbanks Meridian

UTM References: 06/371970/7055920

Quadrangle: Healy (C-6), AK

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

Nominated property includes the patrol cabin and outhouse within an area that is 75_{3} yards in a circular radius measured from the center of the cabin.

Description: Log walls hewn flat on three sides; single and double square corner notching; oakum, burlap, and moss chinking; exterior medium pitch gable with wood shakes; exposed purlins and rafters; gable extends beyond main facade to form porch supported by vertical log posts; log tie beams with radiating support posts in porch gable; rectangular; measures 14' x 16' (interior); 1 story; 12" x 12" timber foundation; multi-light windows; removable wood window and door shutters. Alterations: Repair of fire damage to interior in 1952; shake roof in 1979; restoration in 1985 involving installation of new 12" x 12" pressure treated timber foundation, in-kind replacement of bottom three rounds of logs and flooring and repair of north roof eaves. Site: outhouse approximately 50 yards west.

History and Significance:

Construction Date: 1928 (?)

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Alaska Road Commission

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Igloo Creek Cabin became the third cabin built by the Alaska Road Commission on the park road. Located at Mile 34 on the road, the cabin was the site of a summer road construction camp. The Alaska Road Commission annual report for fiscal year 1928 notes that Igloo Cabin was used for the storage of supplies. Soon after its completion, the Igloo Creek Cabin became part of the network of cabins throughout the park used as stopovers for rangers conducting winter patrols. This cabin replaced a more primitive cabin built on the banks of Igloo Creek by "California mountain men" which was used by park rangers. In the early 1950's, fire scorched a portion of the interior. The cabin was rehabilitated in 1985. (During this rehabilitation cabin floor joists with stenciling of "Fort Egbert", Alaska and "Tacoma," Washington were uncovered. These presumably were used earlier as Army tent ridge poles.)

The Igloo Creek Cabin is significant for its association with the history of transportation and wildlife conservation in the park. Exterior alterations are minimal.

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