

SITE Rohn River Structure #1 AHRS NO: McG-007 INHT NO: 200B #1

OTHER SITE NAMES:

Rohn Roadhouse
Rohn River Roadhouse (Goodwin 1910/11)
Big John's

TRAIL SECTION:

Seward-Rainy Pass
Rainy Pass-Kaltag X
Kaltag-Nome

LAND STATUS:

2/13 pm / ADP 3/1/74
D-1 State Selection F 15390 SS open
Air Navigation Site Withdrawal - 131
PLD 5/1/74
MTP 8/1/74

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Approximate	Actual
Quad.	<u>McGrath B-1</u>
Township	<u>26 N</u>
Range	<u>22 W.</u>
Section	<u>33</u>
Subsection	
Latitude:	<u>62° 17' 52.80"</u>
Longitude:	<u>153° 22' 00"</u>

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone Easting Northing

LOCATION AND USE:

Periodic use as a shelter cabin. 19 miles from Pioneer & 9 miles from Rainy Pass mouth of Rohn River.

INSPECTED BY: Lynch (78)

DATE: Aerial _____ Onsite X

Peterson (80)

STRUCTURAL TYPE:

Shelter Structure X River Community _____
Native Settlement _____ Mining Community _____ Other _____

WALLS:	IN	OUT	FLOOR	ROOF	CORNER NOTCH
Log-Rough	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	Dirt	Sod <u>X</u>	Unknown
Log-Hewn			Wood <u>X</u>	Metal	Double Saddle
Frame			Other	Wd. Plank	Notch
Drop Siding			Unknown	Wd. Shingle	
Wall Covering				Tar Paper	
Unknown				Unknown	

TREATMENT RECOMMENDED:

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE:

<u>X</u> Site Protection	<u>X</u> National
<u>X</u> Preservation/Stabilization	<u>X</u> Regional
Restoration	Local
Reconstruction	
Adaptive Reuse	

Estimated Treatment Costs _____
Estimated Planning/Research Costs _____

IDITAROD TRAIL INVENTORY

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MANAGEMENT RATING CRITERIA

ACCESS ----- 40 POINTS

- 5 Difficult
(Dog Sled, Snow Mach., Heli.)
20 Medium
(1 Day Hike, Boat, Fixed-Wing)
40 High
(Auto/Road, Short Hike)

CONDITION ----- 40 POINTS

- Not Located
1 No Remains
3 Ruin
8 Poor (Roof In)
15 Medium (Roof Intact)
25 Good (Maintained)
40 Restored

PRESENT VISITOR USE

- Frequent
 Infrequent
 None

POTENTIAL VISITOR USE--20 POINTS

- 20 High
10 Medium
5 Low

Total Points 65

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Constructed in 1910 as a result of Goodwin's 1910 survey of the Iditarod Trail. It served for many years, with many owners, as a primary roadhouse stop on the trail.

Cabin #1 - Constructed in 1924, rebuilt 1929 - assumed use was that of a relief cabin and trapper's cabin - continues as such today.

REF: Goodwin 1908 and 1910, Cadwallader 1917 and 1919, Reed 1920, 1923 American Geographic Society - Iditarod Historic Trail files.

*McPHERSON 1914 shows RR CAMP #47 SAME LOCATION
ROHN RIVER, RUBY REARD CITIZEN, APR 8, 1916
ROHN RIVER (VOLGERS) MAR 14, 1914, RUBY REARD CITIZEN
CAPWALLSPER, 1917 ID'S RHONE RIVER ROADHOUSE OWNED BY RICHARDS BROTHERS
ALL GAZETTEER & DIRECTORY, 1915-1916 - ID'S Rohn RIVER AND INDICATES THAT THERE WAS NO ROADHOUSE THERE
REFERENCE: LETTER BY ED BYER, FEB 25, 1911, ID'S AS "BIG JOHN'S"*

Lynch, Alice J., 1979. A Preliminary Inventory of Cultural Resources of the Iditarod Trail Between Rainy Pass and Unalakleet. Bureau of Land Management.
Peterson, Steven M., 1980. Site Survey and Recordation.

SITE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Continued protection and maintenance as a shelter cabin and Iditarod Race Support Cabin.
2. Nominate to the National Register of Historic Places.
3. Suggested stabilization program - replace sod roof, apply wood preservatives to structure, repair chimney, sash and trim and remove vegetation as fire protective measure.