

THE FORKS

MED-012

SITE Eides Roadhouse

AHRS NO: MED 999

INHT NO: _____

OTHER SITE NAMES:

Kusko Commercial Co.
Eide's Kusko Comm. Co. & Roadhouse
Forks
EIDES ROADHOUSE

TRAIL SECTION:

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

LAND STATUS: ADP 3/19/81 SEC MED 998
Native Allot - 10220

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Approximate ~~X~~ Actual X Some from 1981
Quad. Medfra A6
Township 28 S.
Range 17 E.
Section 29
Subsection SE 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4
Latitude: 63° 02' 05"
Longitude: 155° 20' 20"
40' 10"

UTM REFERENCE:

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Zone _____ Easting _____ Northing _____

LOCATION AND USE:

NORTH BANK OF TAIKOTNA RIVER ± 1000' BELOW THE MOUTH OF NIXON FORK

INSPECTED BY:

DATE:

Aerial _____

Onsite _____

STRUCTURAL TYPE:

Shelter Structure X

River Community _____

Native Settlement _____

Mining Community _____

Other _____

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

TREATMENT RECOMMENDED:

ORDER OF SIGNIFICANCE:

- ___ Site Protection
- ___ Preservation/Stabilization
- ___ Restoration
- ___ Reconstruction
- ___ Adaptive Reuse

- ___ National
- X Regional
- ___ Local

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 30

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

A sizable warehouse/roadhouse was located at "The Forks" prior to 1910. In addition to serving the sheltering needs of the trail, the proprietor, a man named "Eide," operated the site and cut a horse trail for freighting from Takotna.

^{THE PEOPLE OF NIKOLAI}
The natives refer to the site as "The Place of Two Stores." As McGrath's commercial importance grew, and with the establishment of the 1914 Salmon River to McGrath Trail, "The Forks" business stopped. ~~diminished~~

(N.K. TRAIL)

MISCELLANEOUS:

Eide's business interests eventually were withdrawn to Takotna (ca. 1916).

REFERENCE:

Oral Communication - Miska Diaphon, Nikolai and Nick Dennis, Nikolai.

A.E.C. MCPHERSON SURVEY, DEC 1914, →LOCATES "FORKS" WITH (3) STRUCTURES.

SITE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Verify through additional historic research and oral interview.
2. Locate and record architectural component. Archeological investigation would help to understand the roadhouse and trading company's place during the short period of the Iditarod Gold Rush Period.