

1. NAME OF SITE <i>Central RR</i> Tunnel Number 1	2. PERTINENT DATES 1906
3. LOCATION At abandoned Mile 48.2, Alaska RR between moraines of Spencer and Barlet Glaciers	
4. DESCRIPTION (DIMENSIONS, PRESENT CONDITION, TOPOGRAPHICAL & OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES, ETC.) In a determined drive to reach the Matanuska Coal Fields to the north, the Alaska Central RR accepted the hard engineering challenge of a series of trestled loops and seven tunnels in order to maintain a feasible grade in the most difficult section north of Seward. This, the first from the south (going North) was commenced on Jan. 16, 1906 and completed in 265 days (10-8). At 714 feet, it was the second longest of the series. With building of government railroad, it was rebuilt and used from 1916 until abandoned in 1951.	
5. SIGNIFICANCE An important adjunct and engineering feature of the first major Alaska railroad into the interior.	
6. DANGER OF DESTRUCTION Abandoned: some caving, but quite sound.	
7. RELEVANT PRINTED, MANUSCRIPT, PHOTOGRAPHIC REFERENCES Methods and Costs of Tunneling on ACRR, Engineering and Contracting, Apr. 7, 1909; ADP files 3330-1, Anchorage	
8. OWNER OF PROPERTY/ADDRESS Chugach National Forest USFS, 221 E. N. Lights Blvd. Anchorage	9. DATE OF THIS REPORT 6/28/77

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QUAD ID SEW	ID# 139	
SITE NAME Tunnel No. 1		
LAT. (DEG)	(MIN)	(SEC)
60	39	00N
LONG. (DEG)	(MIN)	(SEC)
149	03	07W
THEME 5 B	RESOURCE NATURE H 4	
OWNERSHIP FED	SIZE 1	
PRESERVATION STATUS <i>NR</i>		
CULTURAL AFFILIATION		
BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCE		
DATES 1906		
RELIABILITY 1	AHSR DATE 3/26/75	
NR/NEE DATE <i>11/22/77</i>		
SITE CONDITION A		
SITE ENVIRONMENT		
SITE REPOSITORY		