

AHR5 NUMBER

SEW 016

IDITAROD NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

SITE RECORD

REFERENCE NO.

121 B

SITE NAME

Girdwood Community

LOCATION

35 miles south of Anchorage
along Turnagain Arm

USGS MAP QUAD

SEW D-6

OTHER NAMES

LATITUDE

LONGITUDE

REFERENCES

AK State Parks, 1976

Potter- Girdwood Archeological and Historic Site Survey

LEG. / R.

DESCRIPTION

TWP

RNG

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LAND STATUS / ADMINISTRATION

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

Founded in 1896 after gold was discovered in Glacier Creek. and railroad station section house was constructed in 1940.

Site was selected for a major construction camp (1917-1918),

SITE IDENTIFICATION / CONDITION / INTEGRITY

Structures exist although are inundated by water at high tide since the 1964 earthquake. Section house at the site today was constructed in Kern in 1940 and moved to Girdwood in 1956. A gasoline car shed was moved from Bird to Girdwood station in 1956.

MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

PROJECT OFFICE INSPECTIONS

DATE BY PURPOSE