

DATA SHEET

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE: Alaska
COUNTY:
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ENTRY DATE: 10 01 1976

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON: Teklanika Archeological District
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: [REDACTED]			
CITY OR TOWN: Mount McKinley National Park	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:		
STATE: Alaska	CODE: 02	COUNTY: <i>Yukon-Charley</i>	CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No			

4. AGENCY

National Park Service		STATE: _____
REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable) Pacific Northwest Region	STREET AND NUMBER: Fourth and Pike Building	COUNTY: _____
CITY OR TOWN: Seattle	STATE: Washington	CODE: 53

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: National Park Service, Pacific Northwest Region		
STREET AND NUMBER: Fourth and Pike Building		
CITY OR TOWN: Seattle	STATE: Washington	CODE: 53

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: "An Archaeological Survey of Mount McKinley National Park" by H. M. Morgan		
DATE OF SURVEY: May, 1965	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> State
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: National Park Service, Pacific Northwest Region		
STREET AND NUMBER: Fourth and Pike Building		
CITY OR TOWN: Seattle	STATE: Washington	CODE: 53

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

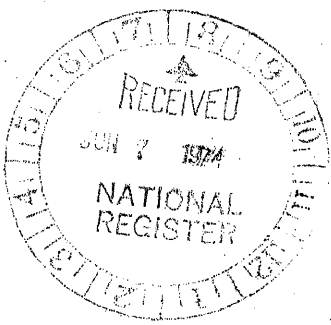
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The district is a rectangle of land measuring 2,750 by 350 feet, and containing 22 acres. It contains two archeological sites; Teklanika West and Teklanika East. The sites have been designated, respectively, Hea-1 and Hea-2 in the numbering system used in the archeological survey of the park.

Teklanika West is on [REDACTED] Excavations have not been extensive enough to determine the site's boundaries, but it almost certainly would cover considerably less than one acre and be contained within the district boundaries. An area approximately 20 by 15 feet of the site has been excavated.

Teklanika East occupies a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A number of eroded pockets or "blowouts" are scattered along the ridge for about 100 feet. Artifacts are found on these exposed surfaces. As with Teklanika West, the site's extent has not been determined but doubtless is contained within the district boundaries.



Teklanika West is [REDACTED] Both sites consist of a few artifacts scattered on the surface and in the soil to the depth of about one foot. No other features have been noted.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **8,000 B.C.**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

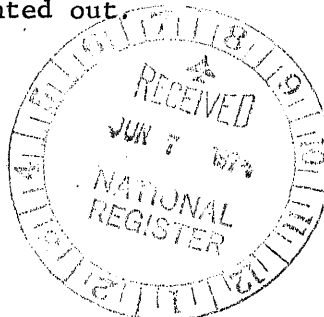
The sites were tested by Dr. Frederick Hadleigh West of the University of Alaska in 1961 and by Dr. Aden E. Treganza of San Francisco State College in 1964. West has returned to the sites on several occasions since to continue the testing.

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Excavation has shown that both are unstratified and shallow. A variety of stone tools has been recovered, but no evidence of hearths, structures or other features has been noted. Both appear to be typical interior Alaska sites--ridgetop game lookout points. They were visited seasonally, year after year, by hunters who chose them as vantage points to watch the movements of migrating game animals.

The sites are important because of the great antiquity of the culture represented here. The assemblage of distinctive microblade cores, microblades, core tablets, bi-facial convex knives, flat-topped end-scrapers, large blades and blade-like flakes from pebble cores and other stone implements is similar to collections from the Campus site, Donnelly Ridge site and sites in the Tangle Lakes area. Dr. West has called the assemblage from Teklanika and the other sites the Denali Complex, which he dates at approximately 8,000 B.C.

Relationships of the Denali Complex are complicated and have not been completely made clear. West has pointed out its similarities to assemblages from eastern Siberia and northern Japan, concluding that during the period about 8,000 B.C. the interior of Alaska was an extension of Asia, culturally speaking. Resemblances to the Akmak assemblage of the Onion Portage site, with which the Denali Complex is roughly contemporaneous, have also been pointed out.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Excavation at Two Sites on the Teklanika River, Mount McKinley National Park" by Frederick H. West. Ms. at National Park Service, Pacific Northwest Region.
 "Eskimo Prehistory" by Hans-Georg Bandi. University of Alaska Press.
 "New Evidence on the Time Placement and Affinities of the Denali Complex of Central Alaska" by Frederick Hadleigh West. Paper at Society for American Archeology, AnnArbor, 1967.

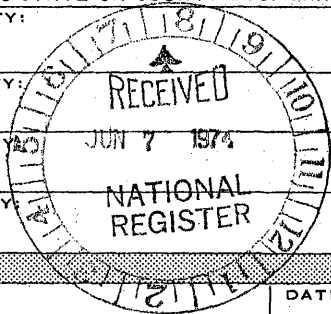
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
NE	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
SE	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	
SW	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 22.8-

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Alaska	02		
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Charles F. Bohannon
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 STREET AND NUMBER: Fourth and Pike Building
 CITY OR TOWN: Seattle
 STATE: Washington
 CODE: 53
 DATE: 4/12/74
 PHONE: 206-442-1006

12. CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

State Liaison Officer recommendation:
 Yes
 No
 None

Charles F. Bohannon
 State Liaison Officer Signature

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Liaison Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The recommended level of significance is National State Local

John G. Rutter 5-29-74
 Federal Representative Signature Date
 Regional Director
 Pacific Northwest Region
Deputy Assistant Secretary
 Deputy Assistant Secretary

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

John G. Rutter
 Acting Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 1/31/96

ATTEST:
Charles F. Bohannon
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 1-29-76

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