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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Savonoski River Archeological District

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Katmai National Monument

CITY, TOWN

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Alaska

VICINITY OF Katmai  
CODE 03

COUNTY Bristol Bay  
CODE

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<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:

**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)  
National Park Service, Pacific Northwest Region

STREET & NUMBER  
523 Fourth and Pike Building

CITY, TOWN  
Seattle

VICINITY OF  
Washington 98101

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Archaeological Survey in Katmai National Monument, 1963

DATE  
1963

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS National Park Service, Pacific Northwest Region

CITY, TOWN STATE  
Seattle Washington 98101

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The District is an L-shaped tract of land situated [REDACTED]. Two eskimo sites, one historic and the other prehistoric, are contained in the District.

49 Mk 3: Located [REDACTED]

The local setting is hilly, and covered with tall grass and scattered alder trees. More than 50 depressions, presumably marking collapsed, semi-subterranean houses, are scattered over the site. The University of Oregon excavated a single 1.5 meter square test pit here in 1963. It revealed a 0.5 meter of volcanic ash from recent Katmai eruptions overlying a 1.0 meter thick layer of culture bearing deposit. The latter was a gray, ashy soil flecked with charcoal, bearing occasional artifacts and with a number of fire lenses. Twenty-four stone implements and four pot sherds were recovered in the test. Analysis of these artifacts indicates that the inhabitants participated in the prehistoric cultural sequence first defined at the [REDACTED]

Two phases are represented at 49 Mk 3: Brooks River Weir (A.D. 100-600) and Brooks River Falls (A.D. 600-1100). The site is undisturbed and is in excellent condition.

49 Mk 4: This site is situated on a grassy knoll [REDACTED]

It consists of a number of depressions (the exact number not recorded in the survey), scattered over a circular area about 100 yards in diameter. The University of Oregon's 1963 test pit showed the site was blanketed with about 0.5 meter of volcanic ash. Beneath this was a 3 centimeter thick layer of decayed vegetation containing window glass, willow ware porcelain and a piece of iron. A local informant, interviewed in 1961, stated that the people of Savonoski village [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 49 Mk 4 could well be this site.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1912	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES \_\_\_\_\_ BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The sites have the potential to yield a great deal of information on the aboriginal population of the Naknek drainage system.

The archeological tests are so limited that it is difficult to do more than hint at the type of occupation represented. Large schools of red salmon gather [redacted] before moving upstream and the sites, particularly 49 Mk 3, are located strategically in this regard. Salmon taking is a summer task however, and the presence of substantial houses suggest winter occupation. So the settlement type appears to be complex. Further, it is quite likely that the time span of occupation at the sites is considerably longer than indicated by the extremely limited work to date. Similarities to the remains [redacted] indicates the sites were occupied by bands of Aglemute Eskimos and their prehistoric ancestors.

Historic archeology is represented by the pre-1912 camp at 49 Mk 4 and prehistoric archeology probably at both sites. The former is of interest because virtually nothing has been published on the archeology of historic Eskimos of the Naknek drainage system. Further, although a long sequence of prehistoric cultural phases has been formulated, little is known of the details regarding each phase. Excavations at these sites could shed light on several aspects; seasonal round of activities, spatial distribution of phases, size and makeup of the band, and many others.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Archaeological Survey in Katmai National Monument, Alaska, 1963" by D. E. Dumond.  
 Manuscript at National Park Service, Pacific Northwest Region.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 79.3

UTM REFERENCES

A [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
 C [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

E [REDACTED]

F [REDACTED]

B [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
 D [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

[REDACTED]

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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## 12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES  NO  NONE

*William Branch*  
 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

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

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*Charles F. Bohannon*  
 TITLE Deputy Assistant Secretary

DATE MAY 3 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE 6-23-78
ATTEST <i>William Cole</i>	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE 6-6-78