

# The Willow Log Cabin



*Old Willow Community Center*

# Willow Log Cabin

*Retaining historical integrity*



Constructed of local rough hewn  
spruce lumber  
and six-inch, 3-sided logs

60' X 40'

Originally set on log pole foundation



# A Little History...

- ❖ Building construction began in 1959 and completed in 1961
- ❖ Built by the (then newly formed) Willow Area Community Organization giving locals a place to meet and socialize
- ❖ It was funded with a Federal grant of \$8,000 with \$10,000 in local services and donations
- ❖ Governor Bill Egan dedicated the building in 1962
- ❖ First community building for the Willow Area and originally stood where this Community Center currently sits “up until 1992”
- ❖ Used for the Iditarod Sled Dog Race Restart and many other community events over the years

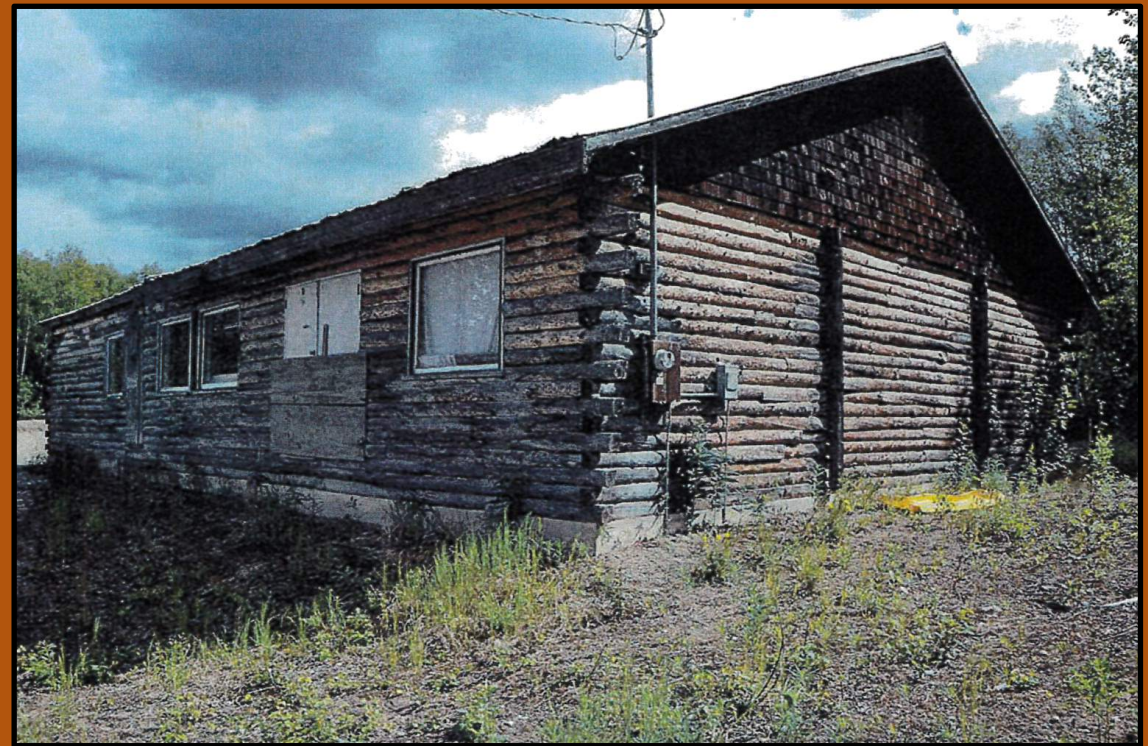
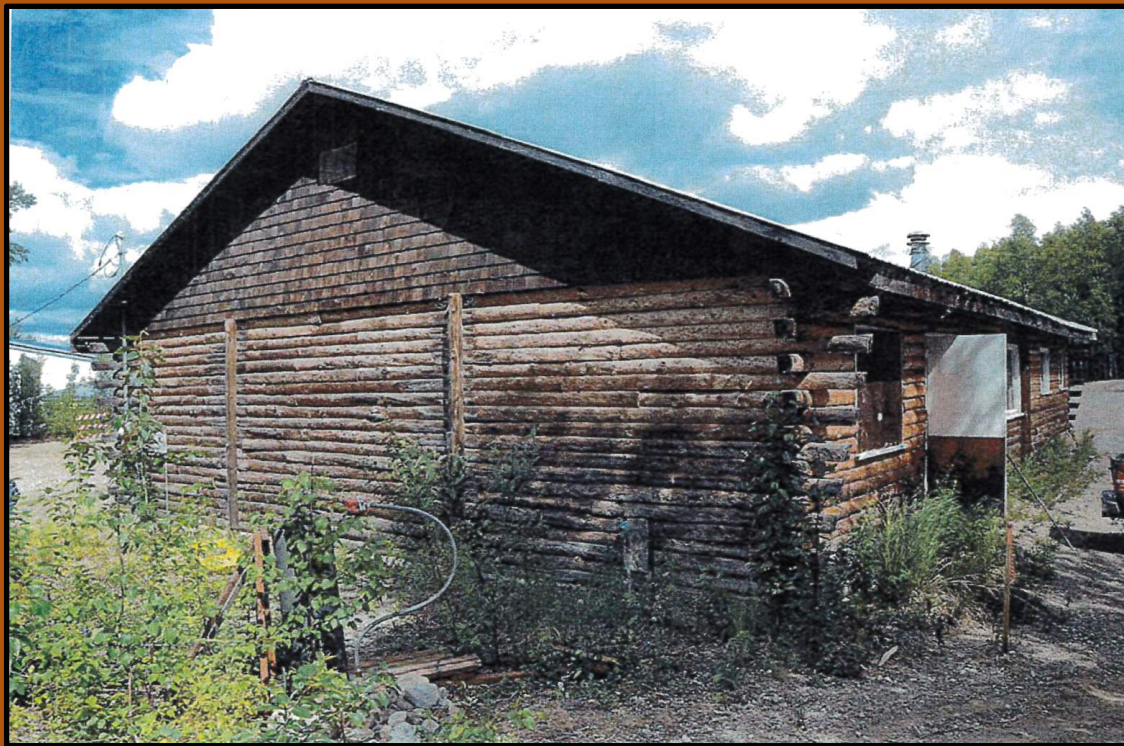
***Added to the National Register of  
Historical Places  
October 2017***





# The Cabin Today

Building has fallen on hard times  
(condition survey completed in September 2018)



*“In general, the building has substantial deficiencies and given the current condition could not be occupied without addressing those major deficiencies”*



# Doing the Math



**May 2016**

**Assembly placed \$200,000 in a project account**

**Today**

**Legislation would move another \$65,500 into the project\***

**Total of \$265,500**

\*These are Land Management funds, not area-wide tax funds, from Land Management's 2019 operating budget

**Mr. Stitt's proposal says the project cost is \$252,000**

The condition report cost was \$6,000

Amount to set aside for special Inspection during  
construction is \$7500

**Total Proposed Cost is \$265,500**



**The legislation before you tonight is to select Mr. Stitt for the renovation contract on the Willow Cabin**

This is based upon his extensive experience renovating log cabins and barns in Alaska and the lower 48 and Mr. Stitt's respect for both the historic nature of the building and traditional craftsmanship

This is an example of his work

