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TITLE: Alaska Railroad Denali Park Slides

COLLECTION NUMBER: B2015.031

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Dates: circa 1974-1987

Extent: 20 items

Language and Scripts: The collection is in English.

Name of creator(s): Alaska Railroad; Robert M. Butterfield; R. Earl Ross

Administrative/Biographical History:

In 1914, the United States government purchased the failing Alaska Northern Railway and approved construction of a line between Seward and Fairbanks. The route was completed in 1923. Mount McKinley National Park was created in 1917. In 1980, it was renamed Denali National Park and Preserve.

Scope and Content Description:

The collection contains 19 color and one black-and-white 35mm slides of Alaska Railroad operations in Mount McKinley National Park (later Denali National Park and Preserve), taken between 1974 and 1993. For more information, see Detailed Description of Collection.

Arrangement: Arranged by date

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS AND USE

Restrictions on Access: The collection is open for research use.

Physical Access: Original items in good condition.

Technical Access: No special equipment is needed to access the materials. A light box may be used to view transparencies.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition and Appraisal Information

Donated by staff of the Alaska Public Lands Information Office in December 2015.

RELATED MATERIALS

Alaska Railroad Collection, B1979.002

SUBJECTS

Alaska Railroad

Railroads—Alaska

Denali National Park and Preserve (Alaska)

Detailed Description of the Collection

- .1 – Track laid for hotel Pullman cars [Alaska Railroad crews laying track to McKinley Park Hotel; print date Aug 74]
- .2 – Laying track, hotel [same image as .1; print date Aug 74]
- .3 – [close-up of Alaska Railroad crews laying track to McKinley Park Hotel; print date Aug 74]
- .4 – Meeting train [park ranger speaking to passenger on platform of station, other passengers and Alaska Railroad train in background; print date Aug 75]
- .5 – R113. Denali NP [passengers waiting on platform in snowstorm, McKinley Park Station Hotel sign at left; print date Jun 80]
- .6 – [similar to .5; print date Jun 80]
- .7 – Alaska Railroad. Photo by Robert M. Butterfield [passengers boarding Alaska Railroad train at station; print date Jul 82]
- .8 – [Alaska Railroad train crossing trestle bridge in wooded area; print date Aug 82]

- .9 – Photo by Robert M. Butterfield [Alaska Railroad caboose in yard in winter, with handwritten sign, “Closed for the Season;” print date Nov 82]
- .10 – Photo by Robert M. Butterfield [Alaska Railroad train parked at station in winter; print date Nov 82]
- .11 – Photo by Robert M. Butterfield [similar to .10; print date Nov 82]
- .12 – Photo by Robert M. Butterfield [baggage carts piled with snow at station in winter, Alaska Railroad train in background; print date Nov 82]
- .13 – 3500W. Denali NP [aerial of station; print date Feb 84]
- .14 – [passengers waiting on platform at station as Alaska Railroad train approaches; print date Jun 86]
- .15 – [similar to .14; print date Jun 86]
- .16 – 458W. Hotel entrance & Pullman cars [Alaska Railroad train at station; print date Jan 87]
- .17 – [view down Alaska Railroad tracks past two small outbuildings on left, garage on right, automobiles parked next to tracks; print date Sep 93. B&W copy slide]
- .18 – Park (Ara) Hotel and Pullman cars. Denali National Park, National Park Service. Photography by R. Earl Ross [passengers on platform at station, Alaska Railroad train at right, Alaska Hyway Tours bus at left; no date]
- .19 – Denali Natl. Park [distant view of hiker standing on pedestrian bridge over gorge; no date]
- .20 – Denali Natl. Park [view down Alaska Railroad tracks on low wooden trestle in mountainous area; no date]

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