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No Historic Properties Affected
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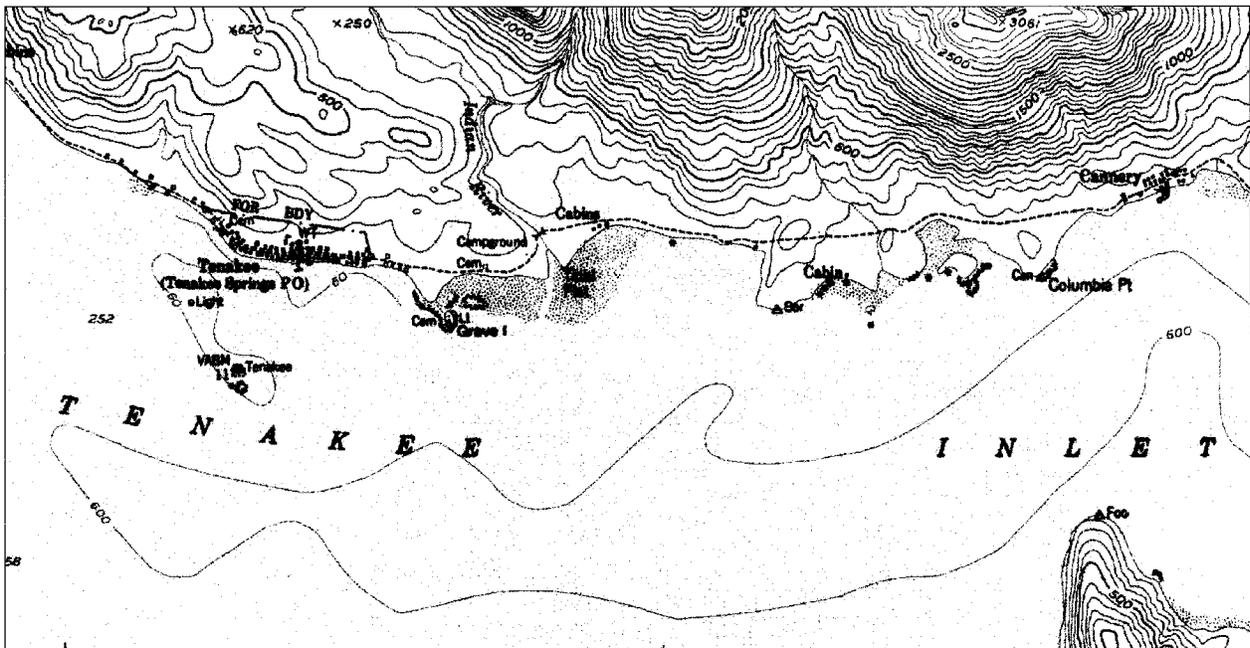


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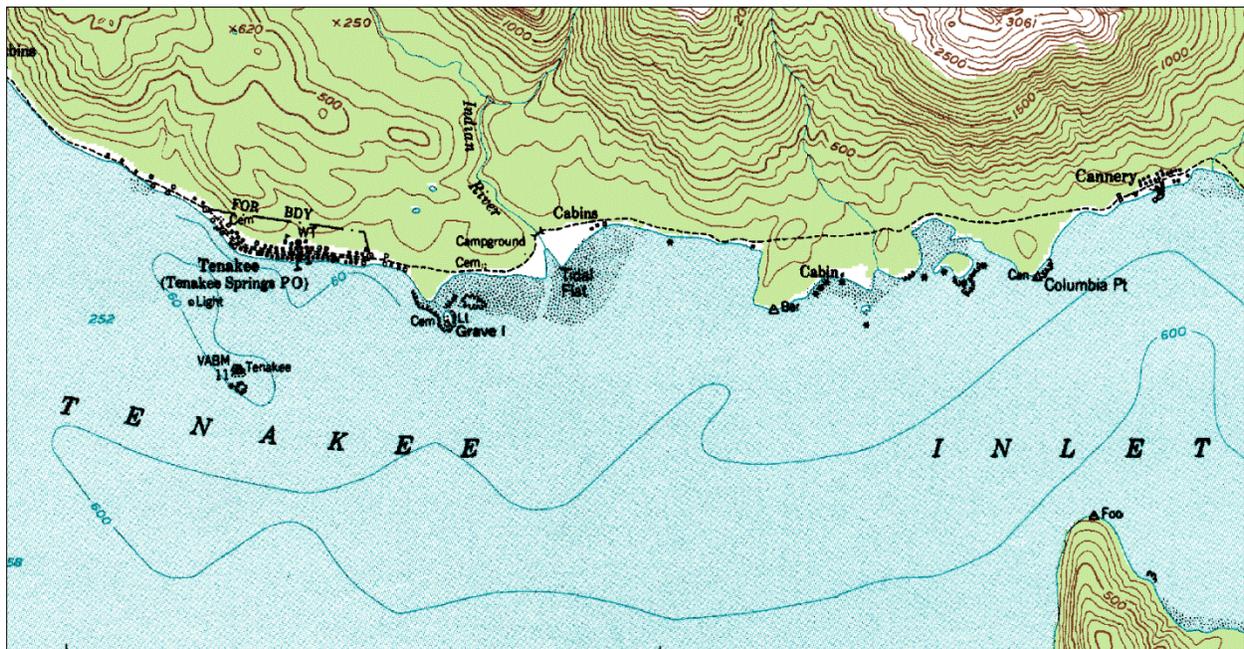


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Project Description

The proposed project would include resurfacing the current dock, removing the existing bull rails, and replacing the bull rails with similarly spaced handrails. Staging will occur from a docked ship.

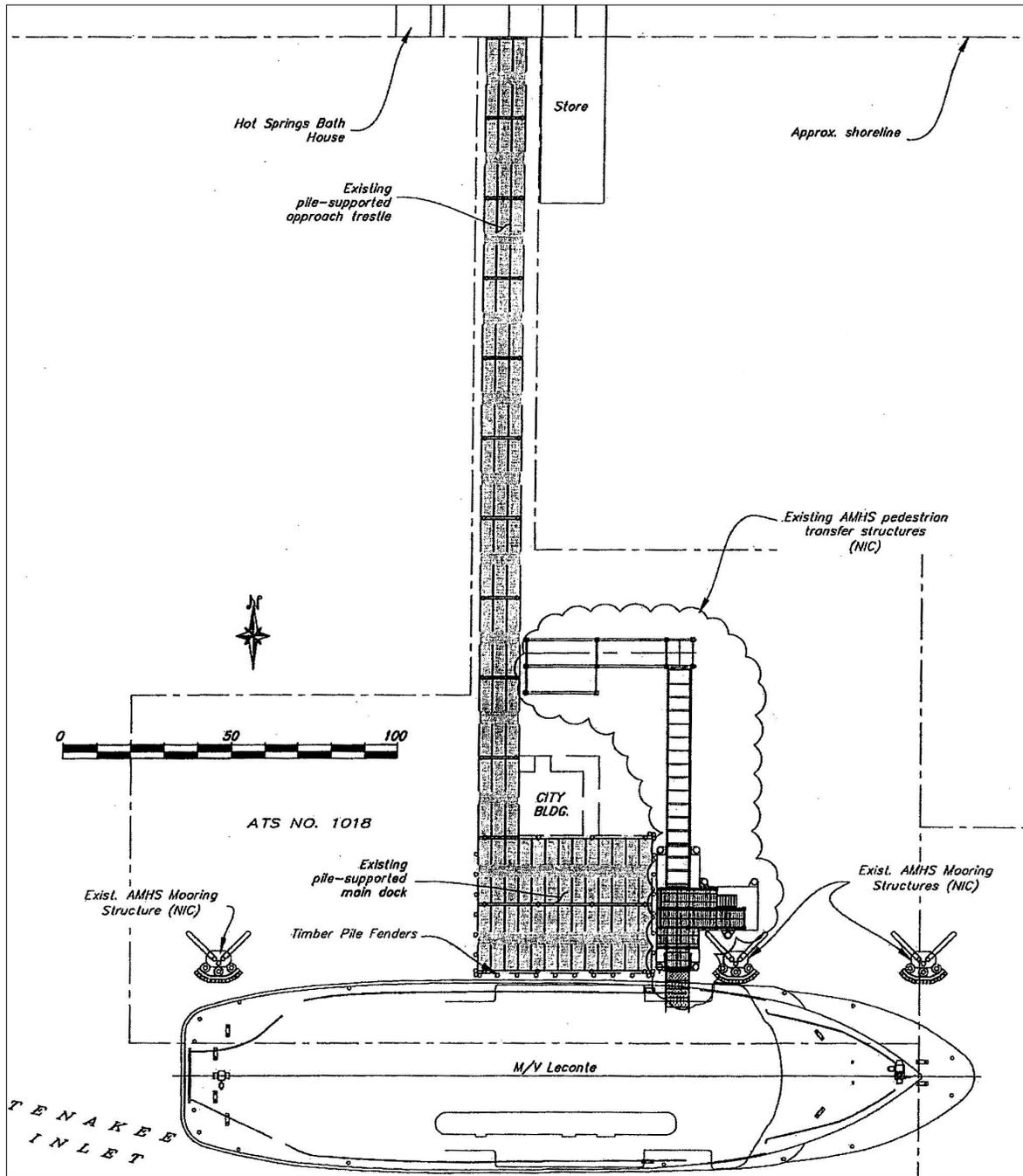


Figure 2. Project area (Tenakee city dock).

Assessment of Effect

There are two known cultural resources reported in the project area, the Snyder Mercantile (SIT-744) and the Tenakee Springs Bathhouse (Hooniah Hot Springs Bathhouse, SIT-444). Snyder Mercantile was constructed in 1905 and is one of the oldest continuously operated businesses in Alaska. It has been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places. The Bathhouse was constructed in the late 1930s and has been determined eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Bathhouse is approximately 20 feet northwest from the landward end of the dock (see Figure 3). Snyder Mercantile is northeast of the dock and extends along it for approximately 10 feet. There are approximately 3 feet between the Mercantile and the eastern bull rails (see Figure 4).



Figure 3. View of dock, looking landward. Note Snyder Mercantile on right (pale yellow building) and Tenakee Springs Bathhouse on left (small pale blue building in front of bright blue house, behind two buildings with red roofs).



Figure 4. View of dock, looking seaward. Note Snyder Mercantile on left.

At no time during construction of dock improvements will materials come into contact with the Snyder Mercantile or the Tenakee Springs Bathhouse, and the existing dock footprint will not be altered. Therefore, we seek your concurrence in the determination that the proposed undertaking will result in **no historic properties affected**. If you have any questions about this project, please contact me by phone at (907) 753-2690 or e-mail michael.9.salyer@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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