

Description of Alternatives

The NPS developed three alternatives based on input from the Interdisciplinary Team and other partners. These alternatives provide a foundation for decision making, as the NPS considers the future of the vacation cabins.

Alternative A: The NRA would issue a 5-year permit for private vacation cabins at Rickey Point and Sherman Creek. Alternative A is the “no action” alternative, and management would continue under the existing terms and conditions, though some changes might occur over time as allowed by the current permit.

Alternative B: The NRA would issue a 5-year permit for private vacation cabins at Rickey Point and Sherman Creek, with additional terms and conditions and an expanded level of management of the vacation cabin sites.

Alternative B is the preferred alternative.

Alternative C: The NRA would not issue special use permits for private cabins. Cabin owners, as per the terms of their current permit, would remove all vacation cabins, associated structures, infrastructure, and impervious surfaces, and together with the NRA would rehabilitate the shoreline environment and all vacation cabin sites. Alternative C is the environmentally preferred alternative.

The alternatives were structured to meet the purpose and need. Alternative A and Alternative B are similar in that they would provide for the continued use of private vacation cabins through issuance of SUPs. These alternatives are distinct in the degree to which each site would be managed by the NPS through the terms and conditions attached to the special use permits. Under Alternative C, new vacation cabin permits would not be issued. Existing permits would expire and permittees, under the current terms and conditions of the permit, would remove all cabins, outbuildings, and all associated improvements. Subsequent site rehabilitation by the permittee would occur with assistance from the NPS.