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NEPA Alternatives

- Where Purpose and Need define “the problems,” Alternatives are different ways to solve them, i.e. they meet the purpose and objectives while resolving need and issues.
- They are all within stated constraints, including NPS policies
- Must include: “**No Action**,” which means current management continued into the future.



NEPA Alternatives

*What is a **Reasonable** Alternative?*

- Economically feasible
- Displays common sense
- Meets the objectives of taking action
- Technically feasible
- Not necessarily the cheapest or easiest solution

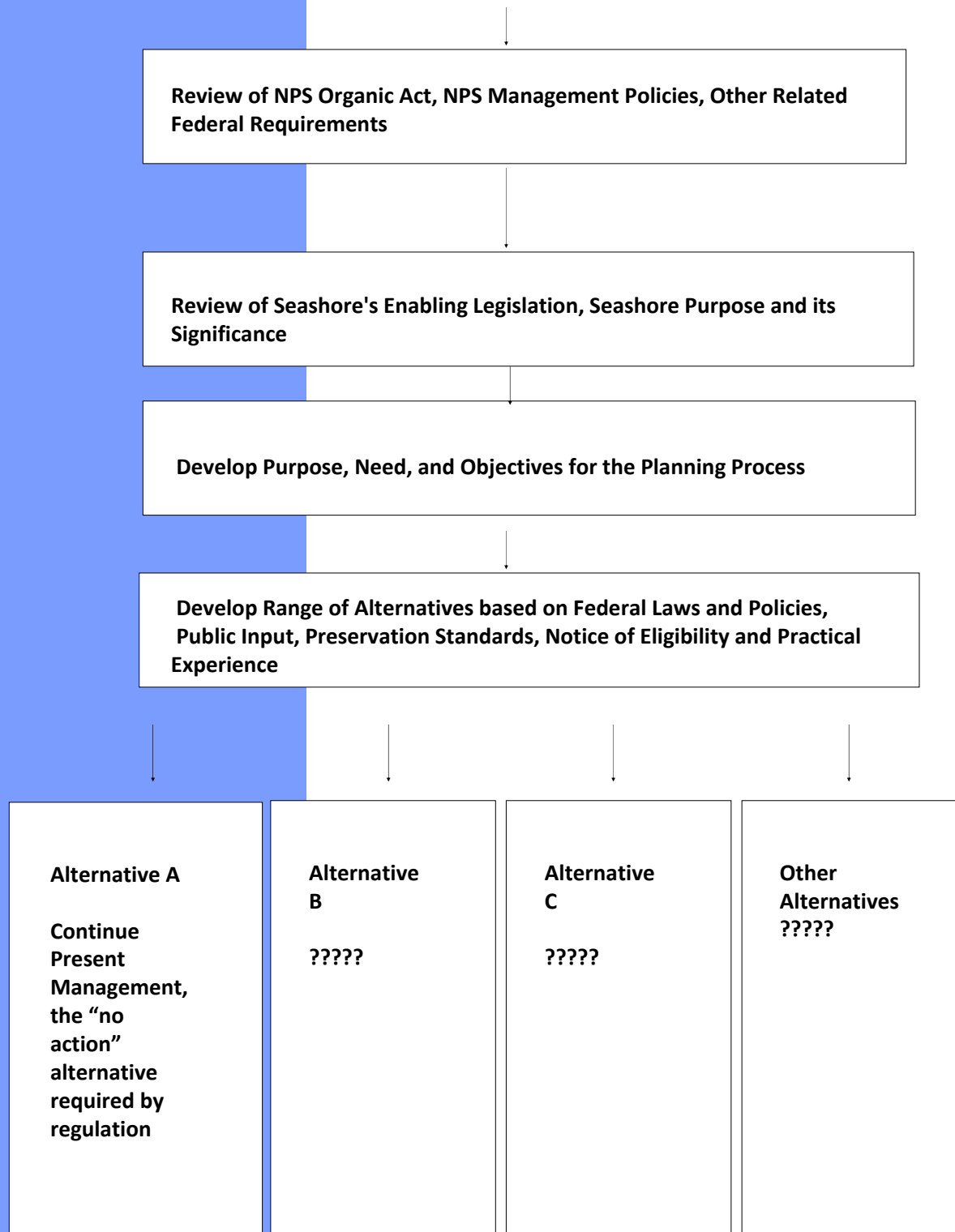


NEPA Alternatives

- All Reasonable Alternatives?
- When there are many alternatives that could be analyzed, choose a few that cover the **full spectrum** of options.
- It is the range of alternatives that is most important, rather than the number



How Alternatives Are Developed





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Finalize Alternatives

- Consider public comment
- Commission finalizes a recommendation to seashore on alternatives for analysis
- Prepare impact analysis and complete the Plan/Environmental Assessment for public review



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Last Steps!

- Consider comments on the Plan/EA
- Superintendent recommends and Regional Director signs the decision document selecting the alternative that will be implemented as the Dune Shack Preservation and Use Plan



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