

Alternatives Newsletter
for the General Management Plan
and Environmental Impact Statement



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Dear Friends,

I invite you to help in the next step of the Lake Chelan NRA planning process, in which we prepare a full range of sound alternatives for the future management, protection, and use of the area. A preliminary range is presented in this newsletter for your review and comment. Please check all the alternatives to see if your concerns are completely represented. We have tried to address all appropriate issues in as many reasonable ways as possible. Your thoughts on this range, the content, or the arrangement of ideas, can be recorded on the tear sheets, and returned in the addressed, postage paid envelope by July 2, 1993.

In addition, I will be available, along with the project coordinator, to review the alternatives and answer questions. These informal meetings can be arranged by contacting my office at:

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These alternatives have been developed from earlier public scoping, requirements of the Consent Decree legal action, NPS legal mandates and policies, park purposes, analysis of data, and the professional experience of the NPS staff and consultants. The environmental impacts for these alternatives will be discussed in the draft EIS, which will be available to the public in the Spring of 1994. This will be the time for closer scrutiny and review, as the alternatives will be revised and developed in more detail. At that time, an NPS preferred alternative will be presented. A preferred alternative has not been selected. Selection will occur after consideration of your comments and suggestions, and the assessment of environmental impacts.

As you read through the newsletter, the following list of contents may help you:

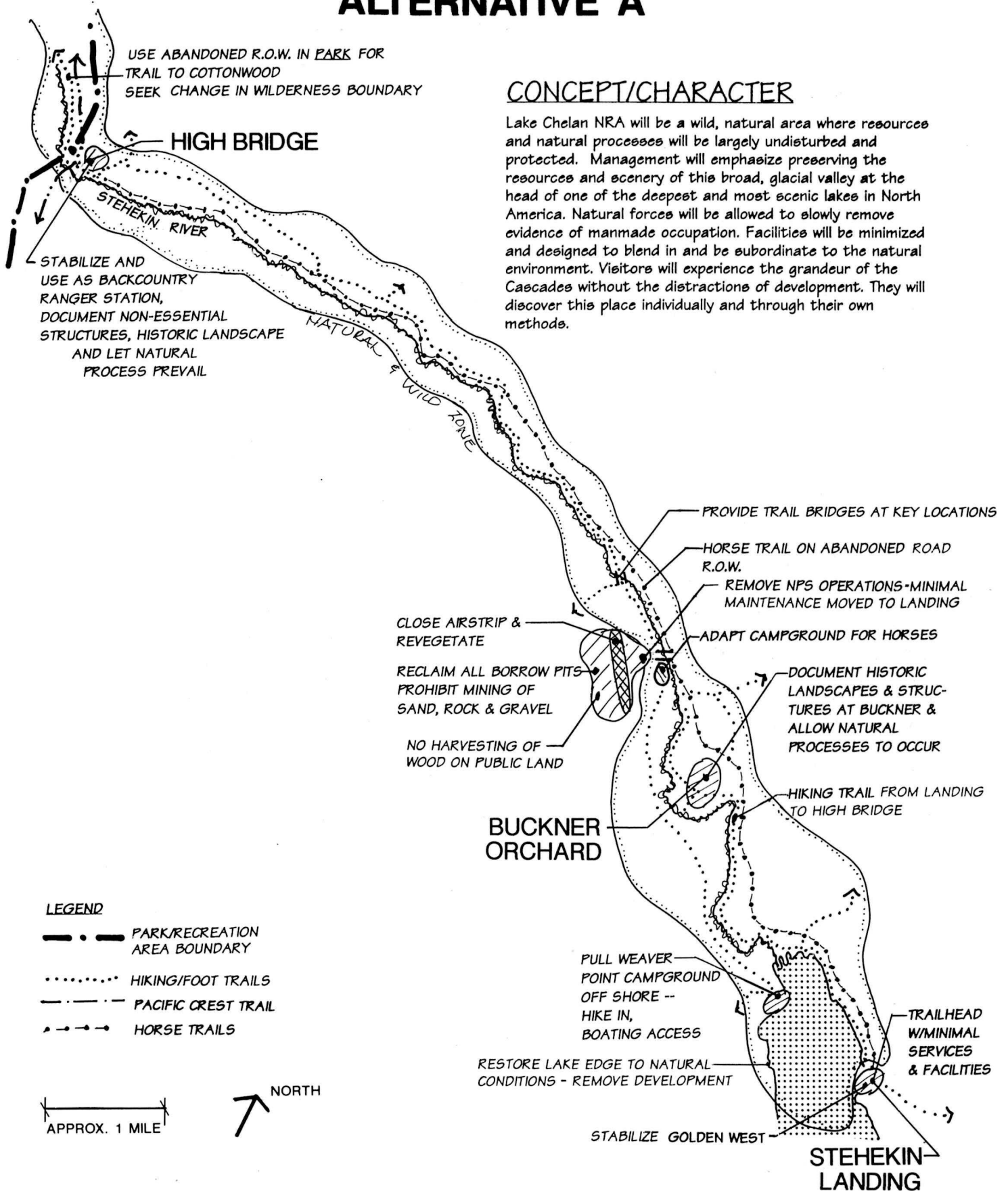
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- Alternatives comparison table - abbreviated alternatives compared Pages 10-12*
- Comments pages Pages 13-17*

Thank you for your interest in this planning process. Your comments will help to determine the best future management direction for Lake Chelan NRA.

Sincerely,

*Bill Paleck, Superintendent
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ALTERNATIVE A



CONCEPT/CHARACTER

Lake Chelan NRA will be a wild, natural area where resources and natural processes will be largely undisturbed and protected. Management will emphasize preserving the resources and scenery of this broad, glacial valley at the head of one of the deepest and most scenic lakes in North America. Natural forces will be allowed to slowly remove evidence of manmade occupation. Facilities will be minimized and designed to blend in and be subordinate to the natural environment. Visitors will experience the grandeur of the Cascades without the distractions of development. They will discover this place individually and through their own methods.

BUCKNER ORCHARD

STEHKIN LANDING

LEGEND

- • — PARK/RECREATION AREA BOUNDARY
- HIKING/FOOT TRAILS
- — — PACIFIC CREST TRAIL
- — — HORSE TRAILS

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ALTERNATIVE A - continued

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Protect and restore all natural resources and processes
- Allow natural fire processes to dominate

SAND, ROCK, AND GRAVEL

- No mining of sand, rock, and gravel; the minimal needs barged in

RIVER

- Remove structures, restore sites to natural conditions
- No control of river processes
- No alterations or debris removal
- Seek wild & scenic designation

SHORELINES/LAKE

- Remove structures; restore shorelines to natural conditions-- no docks
- Control lake levels to minimize bank erosion, in cooperation with P.U.D.

ENERGY

- Create optimal energy efficiency

FIREWOOD

- No harvesting of wood on public lands

SCENIC RESOURCES

- Restore high quality natural scene

CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Golden West -- stabilize
- High Bridge -- stabilize and use as backcountry ranger station
- Buckner Orchard -- document historic landscapes and structures and allow natural processes to occur

VISITOR EXPERIENCE

- Wild landscape experiences
- Backcountry
- Non-motorized and largely non-mechanized recreation activities
- Limited day use at landing
- No overnight facilities on public property other than campgrounds
- Backcountry visitor services at landing
- Winter use is camping, skiing, snowshoeing from landing

RECREATION

- Least consumptive activities
- Minimal technology/slow pace
- Wilderness: No campfires, no grazing (carry feed)

INTERPRETATION

- Orientation at Chelan and Fields Point
- No personal assistance at Stehekin
- Trail guides and publications available at NPS ranger station at landing

VALLEY TRANSPORTATION

- Emphasis on non-mechanized, muscle power (e.g., walking, horseback)
- No public, mechanized, motorized services
- Close airstrip and restore to natural conditions

ROADS and TRAILS

- Remove roads and rehabilitate as private property is acquired
- Reuse/design Stehekin Valley Road for valley trail from High Bridge to landing -- connect to Pacific Crest Trail at High Bridge
- Provide two trail systems from landing to High Bridge -- one for horses, one for hiking

LANDING

- Wilderness landscape gateway -- trailhead
- Horse & hiking staging
- Accessible day use trail
- Self-guiding interpretive trail
- Minimal services -- NPS ranger station, stables/corrals, restrooms
- Remove concession lodging
- Golden West -- stabilize
- Use propane for energy source
- Improve docking for ferry
- Floatplane tie-up remains (landing & takeoff area designated)
- Marine service center provides fuel and dump station
- Limit small boat moorage
- Reclaim, rehabilitate lake edge
- Relocate Purple Point camping out of hazard area -- but keep current number of sites and "unimproved" character
- Administration/hdqtrs. off-site in Chelan

PRIVATE LAND

- Acquire all private land over time on willing seller/willing buyer basis
- Promote land exchange outside of NRA

LAND USE CONTROLS

- Establish interim compatibility standards to emphasize protection of all natural resources and processes
- Remove structures and storage areas
- Restore natural ecological systems and functions
- Phase out special use permits

LOCAL COMMUNITY PRESENCE

- Phased out over extended time as land becomes available for NPS purchase

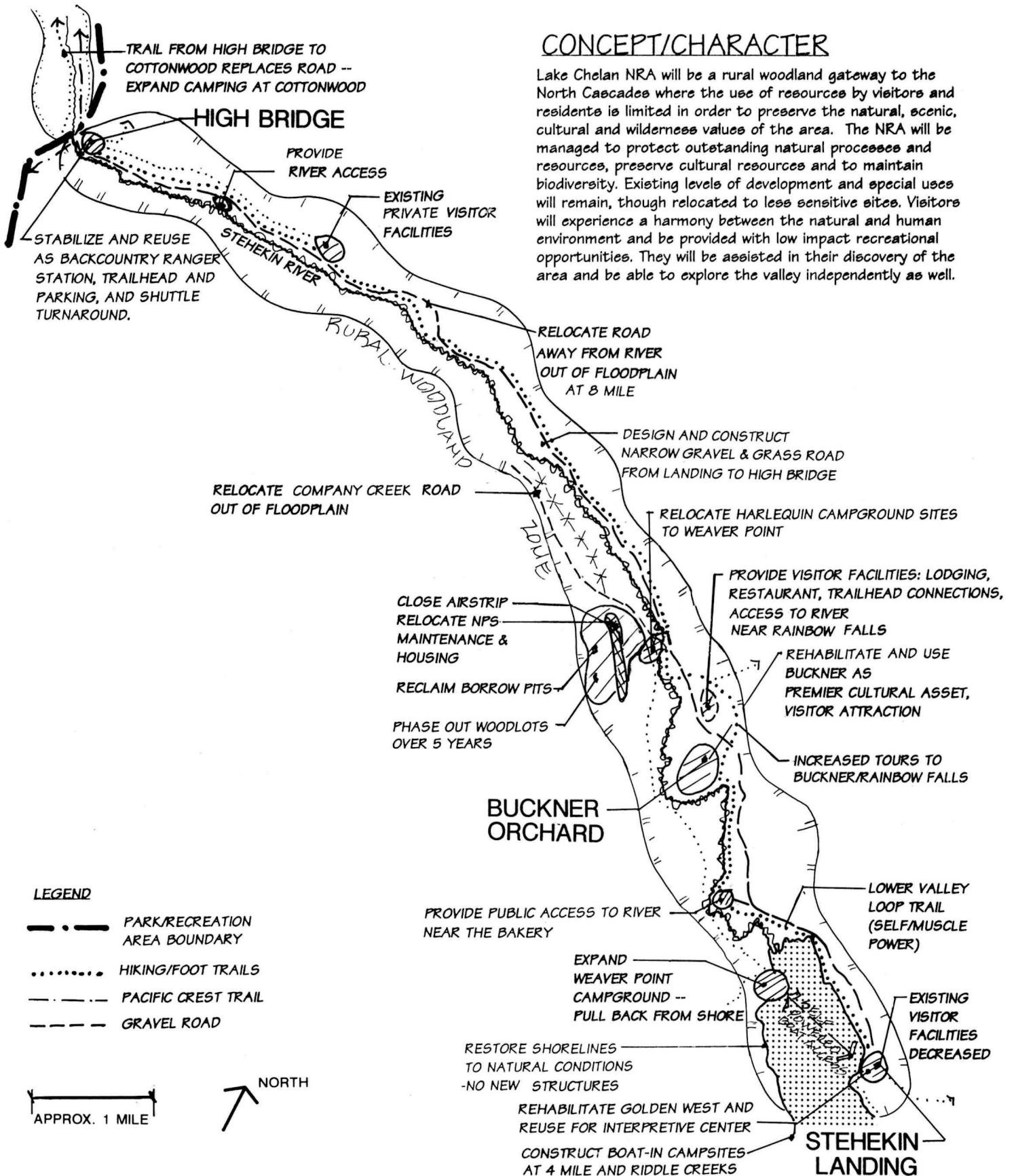
NPS PRESENCE

- Administration in Chelan and Sedro Woolley
- *Down size or remove most NPS structures*
- *Reduce NPS staff size and residences to minimum levels*
- NPS emergency boat

ALTERNATIVE B

CONCEPT/CHARACTER

Lake Chelan NRA will be a rural woodland gateway to the North Cascades where the use of resources by visitors and residents is limited in order to preserve the natural, scenic, cultural and wilderness values of the area. The NRA will be managed to protect outstanding natural processes and resources, preserve cultural resources and to maintain biodiversity. Existing levels of development and special uses will remain, though relocated to less sensitive sites. Visitors will experience a harmony between the natural and human environment and be provided with low impact recreational opportunities. They will be assisted in their discovery of the area and be able to explore the valley independently as well.



ALTERNATIVE B - continued

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Protect and restore all significant and sensitive natural resources and processes
- Remove NPS structures from environmentally sensitive or hazard areas
- Protect clusters of structures from wildfire using mechanical means and prescribed fire

SAND, ROCK, AND GRAVEL

- No mining of sand, rock and gravel in valley; materials limited to those barged in

RIVER

- Review suitability for wild & scenic designation
- Remove woody debris that is only a recreational hazard
- Control with low impact measures to protect existing structures only

SHORELINES/LAKE

- Remove structures, restore shorelines to natural conditions
- No new structures
- Allow access to water at designated non-sensitive points for picnicking, hiking, swimming, camping

ENERGY

- Provide technical assistance on energy efficiency and modest economic incentives

FIREWOOD

- Phase out harvesting of wood on public land over 5 years, then use alternative fuels and wood

SCENIC RESOURCES

- Maintain existing levels of natural and cultural scenic quality

CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Interpret historic structures
- Golden West -- rehabilitate, maintain, and use as NPS interpretive center
- Other historic structures at landing -- stabilize and use
- High Bridge -- stabilize structures and historic landscape; use as backcountry ranger station
- Buckner Orchard -- rehabilitate and use as a premier cultural asset, visitor attraction

VISITOR EXPERIENCE

- "Rural woodland" experience in the valley; becomes "wild" above High Bridge in North Cascades National Park
- Moderate amount of day use
- Variety of activities and experiences available -- focus on muscle power, mechanized recreation and transportation types
- Access to water limited to designated points
- Winter use is concentrated at landing; ski trails in lower valley
- New overnight facilities up-valley to replace landing lodging
- Visitor services provided by both NPS concession and residents for year-round activities
- Concentrate overnight uses in lower valley and of rustic character: cabins and lodge -- cap at existing levels
- Expand camping at suitable sites

RECREATION

- Manage NPS wilderness with limited grazing & prohibit campfires in sensitive areas, e.g., subalpine
- Increase camping opportunities on lakeshore

INTERPRETATION

- Contact stations at Chelan, Fields Point, and Stehekin
- NPS, USFS, and residents share interpretation

- Interpreter on the ferry

VALLEY TRANSPORTATION

- Emphasis on muscle power including mechanized types (e.g., walking, bicycling, horseback)
- Maintain shuttle service to High Bridge
- Tour services in lower valley
- Close airstrip and use for NPS maintenance and housing

ROADS AND TRAILS

- Maintain current character of road from landing to Harlequin Bridge
- Narrow gravel and grass surface with pullouts from Harlequin Bridge to High Bridge
- Relocate away from river processes
- Convert road to Cottonwood to trail
- Remove non-admin. roads and restore to natural conditions
- Complete hiking & horse trail from landing to High Bridge

LANDING

- Commercial center & gateway to up-valley activities
- Expand day use activities
- Improve circulation
- Parking away from shoreline
- Relocate and decrease existing lodging & camping out of hazards areas
- Use Golden West as NPS interpretive center
- Pick up point for up-valley lodging, interpretive tours, & shuttles
- Visitor contact station (not Golden West)
- Provide post office, store, deli, and warming hut
- Improve docking for ferry
- Day-use only small boat moorage
- Marine service center provides fuel and dump station
- Float plane tie-up remains -- takeoff farther down-lake
- Swimming beach & picnic area
- NPS administration off-site at Chelan

PRIVATE LAND

- Willing seller/willing buyer land acquisition
- Priority acquisitions given to lands with significant and sensitive resources and natural processes
- Limited use of less-than-fee simple acquisition
- Land exchanges to areas outside the valley

LAND USE CONTROLS

- Define compatible land uses emphasizing both significant and sensitive resource protection and natural process protection, while providing for visitor use
- Permit development in non-sensitive areas, as long as compatibility standards are met
- No new development in floodplain, geohazard areas, wetlands, unsuitable soils, or significant habitat areas
- Cooperative effort between government agencies (federal/state/local)

LOCAL COMMUNITY PRESENCE

- Cooperate with NPS in providing visitor services and facilities
- Compatible development occurs in non-sensitive and suitable areas
- More commercial contracts to residents for visitor services

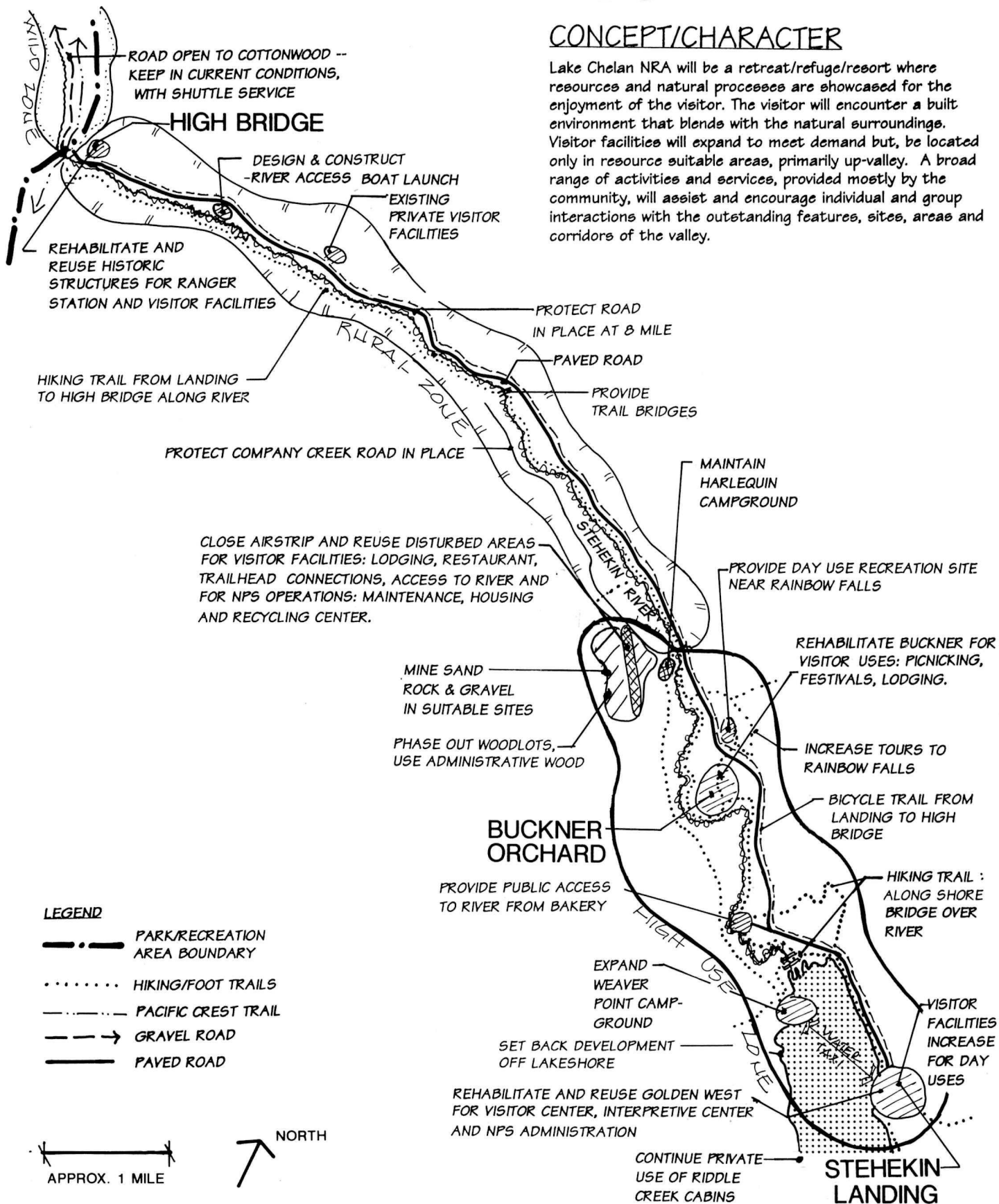
NPS PRESENCE

- Cooperate with local interests
- Significant presence in valley
- NPS maintenance, resource protection, visitor services, increase to meet demand, subject to resource protection
- NPS provides wide range of services to valley on a cost recovery basis
- Relocate NPS maintenance and housing to airstrip
- Interpretive center and ranger station at landing

ALTERNATIVE C

CONCEPT/CHARACTER

Lake Chelan NRA will be a retreat/refuge/resort where resources and natural processes are showcased for the enjoyment of the visitor. The visitor will encounter a built environment that blends with the natural surroundings. Visitor facilities will expand to meet demand but, be located only in resource suitable areas, primarily up-valley. A broad range of activities and services, provided mostly by the community, will assist and encourage individual and group interactions with the outstanding features, sites, areas and corridors of the valley.



ALTERNATIVE C - continued

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Protect all natural resources and restore only very significant and very sensitive natural resources and processes
- Protect all structures from wildfire using mechanical means (use material removed as firewood)

SAND, ROCK, AND GRAVEL

- Allow regulated mining of sand, rock, and gravel for NPS and private use

RIVER

- Review suitability for wild and scenic designation
- Remove woody debris for safety and erosion control
- Control to protect existing improvements
- Expand fishing, hiking, rafting, kayaking access

SHORELINES/LAKE

- Allow lakeshore development that enhances recreational use of water
- Development should not dominate shoreline (e.g. setback)
- Increase access along shorelines

ENERGY

- Provide technical assistance on energy efficiency and substantial economic incentives

FIREWOOD

- Phase out woodlots over 5 years and maximize use of administrative wood

SCENIC RESOURCES

- Improve scenic quality by increasing numbers of scenic natural views and restoring cultural scenes

CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Interpret historic structures
- Golden West -- rehabilitate and use for NPS admin., visitor center, and interpretive center
- Other historic structures at landing -- rehabilitate and reuse
- High Bridge -- rehabilitate and reuse
- Buckner Orchard -- rehabilitate for visitor uses, e.g., picnicking, lodging, festivals

VISITOR EXPERIENCE

- Wide variety of activities and experiences available
- Close interaction with interpretive and service staff at landing, Fields Point, Chelan, and Stehekin
- Information stations at all activity areas
- Encourage year round use at landing and up-valley
- Emphasize overnight and day use up-valley
- Non-motorized, recreation types
- Increase lodging -- stylized and variable: lodge, cabin, hostel, tent cabins, campground, huts; more rustic as you go up-valley
- Generally provided by Stehekin residents

RECREATION

- Manage wilderness uses with least restrictions consistent with Wilderness Act
- Promote year-round up-valley lodging for skiing and hut system

INTERPRETATION

- Contact stations at Chelan, Fields Point, and Stehekin
- Interpretation provided by residents, NPS, and an educational institute
- Interpreter on ferry
- Local residents interpret local history and culture; NPS and educational institute focus on natural history

VALLEY TRANSPORTATION

- Muscle power, including mechanized, and motorized (cars, shuttles) transportation types

- Shuttle access service to Cottonwood
- Tour service up-valley
- Close airstrip and use for visitor lodging, restaurant, trailhead, river access; NPS maintenance, housing, and recycling center

ROADS AND TRAILS

- Above Harlequin Bridge, down-grade road to one lane with pullouts; leisurely, slow pace on main valley route
- Protect in-place at 8-mile
- Open up views to enhance scenic opportunities
- Chip seal (pave) main road to High Bridge
- Road to Cottonwood remains about the same with safety and comfort improvements
- Complete hiking trail from landing to High Bridge w/loops in lower valley & upper valley
- Bicycle trail from landing to High Bridge

LANDING

- Commercial center & gateway to expanded up-valley activities
- Expand day use activities
- Improve circulation
- Long term parking away from shoreline
- Move existing lodging out of geohazard areas
- Restore and reuse Golden West for NPS admin., visitor center, and an educational institute
- Pick-up point for increased up-valley lodging, up-valley interpretive tours, shuttle and tour buses
- Post office, store, deli, warming room
- Improve docking for ferry -- encourage overnight stay
- Expand small boat moorage, overnight use
- Marine service center provides fuel and dump station
- Floatplane tie-up remains -- takeoff farther downlake
- Swimming beach and picnic areas at landing and Weaver Pt.

PRIVATE LAND

- Willing seller/willing buyer land acquisition
- Property or easement acquisition emphasis given to lands with very significant and very sensitive resources and natural processes
- Land exchange to suitable areas in the valley

LAND USE CONTROLS

- Define compatible land uses which provide for commercial visitor services and residential uses on private lands, while protecting natural processes and significant resources
- Development in suitable areas as long as compatibility standards met
- No new development in floodplains, geohazard areas, wetlands, unsuitable soils or significant habitat areas
- Cooperative effort between government agencies (federal/state/local)

LOCAL COMMUNITY PRESENCE

- Residents play major role in providing visitor services and facilities - cooperative NPS/private tourism association
- Allow for community uses on public areas
- Locally run shops and commercial services could increase up-valley on private property
- Expanded privatization of services and facilities
- Residents or Chelan County provide more municipal services

NPS PRESENCE

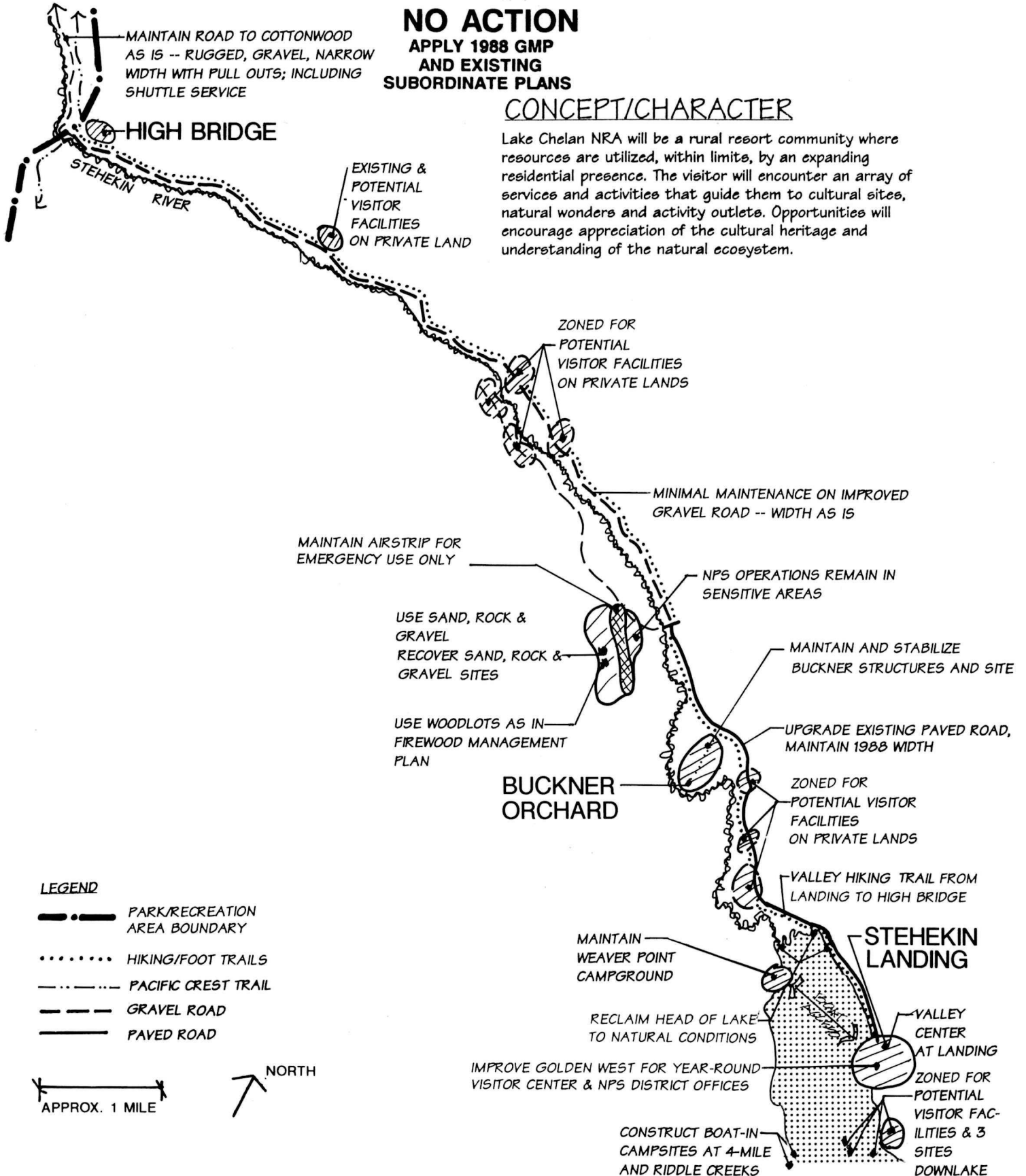
- Reduce municipal services
- Ranger station and administrative functions at Stehekin landing; contact stations at Fields Point and Chelan
- NPS active in tourism association
- NPS operates visitor center as primary visitor orientation point
- Personal interpretation provided in conjunction with local residents and an educational institute
- Relocate NPS maintenance, housing, and recycling center to airstrip

ALTERNATIVE D

**NO ACTION
APPLY 1988 GMP
AND EXISTING
SUBORDINATE PLANS**

CONCEPT/CHARACTER

Lake Chelan NRA will be a rural resort community where resources are utilized, within limits, by an expanding residential presence. The visitor will encounter an array of services and activities that guide them to cultural sites, natural wonders and activity outlets. Opportunities will encourage appreciation of the cultural heritage and understanding of the natural ecosystem.



ALTERNATIVE D - continued

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Balance between visitor experience and natural protection
- Manage wetlands and floodplains under existing regulations
- Fuel hazard reduction only by prescribed fire
- New regulations with quotas on mining sand, rock, and gravel

SAND, ROCK, AND GRAVEL

- Allow regulated mining of sand, rock, and gravel for NPS and private use

RIVER

- Control only to protect life, health, roads, and private development
- Remove woody debris on case by case basis
- Study suitability for wild and scenic designation

SHORELINES/LAKE

- Reclaim head of lake to natural conditions
- Make shorelines/lake more accessible for public recreation
- No lake-use restrictions

ENERGY

- Manage primarily on economic incentives

FIREWOOD

- Woodlot harvest based on sustained-yield production

SCENIC RESOURCES

- Improve scenic quality by enhancing the natural character of lakeshore

CULTURAL RESOURCES

- Interpret historic structures
- Preserve National Register properties and adaptively use and/or interpret where feasible

VISITOR EXPERIENCE

- Increasing private boaters at landing
- Expand lodging by 60% -- provided by residents and concession
- Provide lodging, food store, tours, bike rentals by concession

RECREATION

- In wilderness, grazing allowed in NRA, but not in park; fires only in backcountry grates

INTERPRETATION

- Staff NPS information station in Chelan; don't staff at Fields Point
- Provide Assisted interpretation at renovated Golden West
- Interpreter on ferries
- NPS and residents share interpretation

VALLEY TRANSPORTATION

- Provide trail from landing to High Bridge
- Shuttle services to Cottonwood
- Tours to Rainbow Falls and other valley features
- Airstrip use for emergencies only (status quo)

ROADS AND TRAILS

- Maintain current (1988) widths, alignments, lengths and surfaces
- Maintain existing trail system

LANDING

- The center of public activity in valley
- Information station operated by residents
- Redesign to reduce conflicts: improve visitor flow and freight distribution
- Retain existing housing and offices (NPS)
- Improve and increase existing lodging; keep restaurant and gift shop
- Improve Golden West to year-round visitor center and district office
- Improve docking for ferry

PRIVATE LAND

- Continue willing seller/willing buyer acquisition
- Seek less-than-fee acquisition when practical
- Land exchange to suitable areas in valley
- Encourage county to adopt and enforce strategic elements of the compatibility standards as Chelan county zoning ordinances
- Commercial uses in non-floodway sites

LAND USE CONTROL

- Encourage use of existing compatibility standards
- Maintain acquisition priorities stated in 1988 Land Protection Plan
- No removal of development from wetlands, floodplains, and riparian areas.
- Land uses described by existing GMP

LOCAL COMMUNITY PRESENCE

- Residents increase services to visitors
- Involve residents in NPS management
- Work with landowners to implement compatibility standards

NPS PRESENCE

- On ferry boats
- Uniformed presence at headquarters at landing and office in Golden West
- Provide wildfire protection
- Provide solid waste disposal for fee
- Provide boat moorage for fee and sewage disposal
- Provide community building under permit/fee
- Cooperative management with USFS and Washington Dept. of Natural Resources

An abbreviation of the four preliminary alternatives is given below for your comparison and comment. Use the sheets at the end of this newsletter for your comments.

ALTERNATIVES COMPARISON TABLE

ALTERNATIVE	A	B	C	D - NO ACTION
CONCEPT/ CHARACTER	Lake Chelan NRA will be a wild, natural area where resources and natural processes will be largely undisturbed and protected. Management will emphasize preserving the resources and scenery of this broad, glacial valley at the head of one of the deepest and most scenic lakes in North America. Natural forces will be allowed to slowly remove evidence of manmade occupation. Facilities will be minimized and designed to blend in and be subordinate to the natural environment. Visitors will experience the grandeur of the Cascades without the distractions of development. They will discover this place individually and through their own methods.	Lake Chelan NRA will be a rural woodland gateway to the North Cascades where the use of resources by visitors and residents is limited in order to preserve the natural, scenic, cultural and wilderness values of the area. The NRA will be managed to protect outstanding natural processes and resources, preserve cultural resources and to maintain biodiversity. Existing levels of development and special uses will remain, though relocated to less sensitive sites. Visitors will experience a harmony between the natural and human environment and be provided with low impact recreational opportunities. They will be assisted in their discovery of the area and be able to explore the valley independently as well.	Lake Chelan NRA will be a retreat/refuge/resort where resources and natural processes are showcased for the enjoyment of the visitor. The visitor will encounter a built environment that blends with the natural surroundings. Visitor facilities will expand to meet demand but, be located only in resource suitable areas, primarily up-valley. A broad range of activities and services, provided mostly by the community, will assist and encourage individual and group interactions with the outstanding features, sites, areas and corridors of the valley.	Lake Chelan NRA will be a rural resort community where resources are utilized, within limits, by an expanding residential presence. The visitor will encounter an array of services and activities that guide them to cultural sites, natural wonders and activity outlets. Opportunities will encourage appreciation of the cultural heritage and understanding of the natural ecosystem. This is the 1988 GMP and supporting plans.
NATURAL RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and restore all natural resources and processes • Allow natural fire processes to dominate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect and restore all significant and sensitive natural resources and processes • Protect NPS structures from wildfire using mechanical means and prescribed fire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect all natural resources and restore only very significant and very sensitive natural resources and processes • Protect all structures from wildfire using mechanical means (use material removed as firewood) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance between visitor experience and natural resource protection • Fuel hazard reduction only by prescribed fire
SAND, ROCK, AND GRAVEL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No mining of sand, rock, and gravel; the minimal needs barged in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No mining of sand, rock and gravel in valley; materials limited to those barged in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow regulated mining of sand, rock and gravel for NPS and private use 	Same as C
RIVER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No control of river processes • Seek wild and scenic designation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control with low-impact measures to protect existing structures only • Remove only woody debris that is a recreational hazard • Study suitability for wild and scenic designation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control to protect existing improvements • Remove woody debris for safety and erosion control • Study suitability for wild and scenic designation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control only to protect life, health, roads, and private development • Remove woody debris on case by case basis • Study suitability for wild and scenic designation
ENERGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create optimal energy efficiency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide technical assistance on efficiency and economic incentives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide technical assistance on energy efficiency and substantial economic incentives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage primarily on economic criteria

ALTERNATIVE	A	B	C	D - NO ACTION
FIREWOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No harvesting of wood on public land 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase out harvesting of wood on public land over 5 years; use alternative fuels and wood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase out woodlots over five years and maximize use of administrative wood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woodlot harvest based on sustained-yield production
SCENIC RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restore high quality natural scene particularly along lakeshore and riverfront 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain existing levels of natural and cultural scenic quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve scenic quality by increasing numbers of scenic natural views and restoring cultural scenes to historic authenticity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve scenic quality by enhancing natural character of lakeshore
CULTURAL RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Golden West -- stabilize High Bridge -- stabilize and use as backcountry ranger station Buckner Orchard -- document historic landscapes and structures and allow natural processes to occur 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpret historic structures Golden West -- rehabilitate and use as interpretive center Other historic structures at landing -- stabilize High Bridge -- stabilize structures and historic landscape; use as backcountry ranger station Buckner Orchard -- stabilize and use as a premier cultural asset, visitor attraction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpret historic structures Golden West -- rehabilitate and use for NPS admin., visitor center, and an educational institute Other historic structures at landing -- rehabilitate and use High Bridge -- rehabilitate and use Buckner Orchard -- rehabilitate for visitor uses, e.g., picnicking, lodging, festivals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpret historic structures Preserve National Register properties and adaptively use and/or interpret where feasible Golden West -- improved to year-round visitor center and district office
VISITOR EXPERIENCE AND RECREATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wild landscape experiences Limited services and facilities Non-motorized and largely non-mechanized recreation activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate amount of day use Overnight and backcountry experiences Non-motorized, mechanized, recreation and transportation types. Visitor services concentrated in the lower valley New overnight facilities up-valley to replace landing lodging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasize overnight and day use up-valley. Wide variety of activities and experiences available Non-motorized, mechanized recreation types Increase lodging 	Same as B
INTERPRETATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation at Chelan and Fields Point No personal programs at Stehekin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact stations at Chelan, Fields Point, and Stehekin NPS, USFS, and residents share interpretation Interpreter on the ferry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact stations at Chelan, Fields Point, and Stehekin Interpretation provided by residents, NPS, and an educational institute Interpreter on ferry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted interpretation at Golden West NPS and residents share interpretation Staff NPS information station at Chelan, don't staff at Fields Point
VALLEY TRANSPORTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasis on non-mechanized, muscle power only (e.g., walking, horseback) No public, mechanized, motorized services Close airstrip and restore to natural conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasis on muscle power including mechanized types (e.g., walking, horseback, bicycling) Maintain shuttle to High Bridge Close airstrip and use for NPS maintenance and housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Muscle power, including mechanized and motorized (cars, shuttles) transportation types Shuttle access services to Cottonwood Close airstrip and use for visitor lodging, restaurant, NPS maintenance, housing, and recycling center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airstrip use for emergencies only (status quo) Maintain shuttle services to Cottonwood

ALTERNATIVES COMPARISON TABLE - continued

ALTERNATIVE	A	B	C	D - NO ACTION
ROADS AND TRAILS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove roads and rehabilitate as private property is acquired, convert to trails. Hiking and equestrian trail Reuse Stehekin Valley Road for valley trail from landing to High Bridge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain current character of road from landing to Harlequin Bridge Narrow gravel road with pullouts from Harlequin Bridge to High Bridge Convert road to Cottonwood to trail Hiking and horse trail from landing to High Bridge Relocate valley road away from river processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Above Harlequin Bridge downgrade to single lane with pullouts Paved road to High Bridge Road to Cottonwood remains about the same with comfort and safety improvements Hiking, biking, and equestrian trails Protect valley road in-place at 8-mile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes in valley road and road to Cottonwood Maintain existing trail system
LANDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wilderness landscape gateway Minimal services Remove concession lodging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway to up-valley visitor services Modest amounts of visitor services and lodging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway to expanded up-valley visitor services Existing amount of lodging Expanded day-use facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway to up-valley visitor services, plus facilities at landing
PRIVATE LAND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire all private land over time on willing seller/willing buyer basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property or limited easement acquisition on willing seller/willing buyer basis with emphasis on lands with significant and sensitive resources and natural processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property or easement acquisition on willing seller/willing buyer basis with emphasis on lands with very significant and very sensitive resources and natural processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property or easement acquisition on willing seller/willing buyer basis
LAND USE CONTROLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish interim compatibility standards to emphasize protection of all natural resources and processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define compatible land uses emphasizing both significant and sensitive resource and natural process protection, while providing for visitor use Cooperative planning effort between NPS, state, and county 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define compatible land uses which provide for commercial visitor services and residential uses on private lands, while protecting natural processes and significant resources Cooperative planning effort between NPS, state, and county 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define compatible land uses emphasizing both resource protection and visitor use
LOCAL COMMUNITY PRESENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phased out over extended time period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperate with NPS in providing visitor experiences and facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major participant in providing visitor experiences and facilities 	Same as B
NPS PRESENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative offices out of valley Limited ranger station at landing only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperate with local interests NPS provides wide range of services to valley on a cost recovery basis NPS ranger station and interpretive center at landing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce presence in valley to reflect increased level of private involvement Valley services provided mostly by others than NPS NPS ranger station and interpretive center at landing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NPS provides wide range of services to valley

Do you have any concerns or ideas about how the NRA might be managed or used that are not represented in at least one of the alternatives? Write your concerns and ideas below or on additional paper. Please return in the addressed, postage paid envelope by July 2, 1993.

CONCEPT/CHARACTER:

NATURAL RESOURCES:

SAND, ROCK, AND GRAVEL:

RIVER:

ENERGY:

FIREWOOD:

SCENIC RESOURCES:

CULTURAL RESOURCES:



VISITOR EXPERIENCE AND RECREATION:

INTERPRETATION:

VALLEY TRANSPORTATION:

ROADS AND TRAILS:

LANDING:

PRIVATE LAND:

LAND USE CONTROLS:

LOCAL COMMUNITY PRESENCE:

NPS PRESENCE:

How would you improve each alternative?

ALTERNATIVE A:

ALTERNATIVE B:

ALTERNATIVE C:



ALTERNATIVE D - NO ACTION:

OTHER (NEW) ALTERNATIVE:

This page, as well as additional paper, can be used for general comments on the alternatives, or for solutions not given in this newsletter. We are interested in any new information or options that you may have. Please return all comments in the addressed, postage paid envelope by July 2, 1993.

GENERAL COMMENTS:





As the nation's principal conservation agency, the Department of the Interior has responsibility for most of our nationally owned public lands and natural and cultural resources. This includes fostering wise use of our land and water resources, protecting our fish and wildlife, preserving the environmental and cultural values of our national parks and historical places, and providing for the enjoyment of life through outdoor recreation. The department assesses our energy and mineral resources and works to ensure that their development is in the best interests of all our people. The department also promotes the goals of the Take Pride in America campaign by encouraging stewardship and citizen responsibility for the public lands and promoting citizen participation in their care. The department also has a major responsibility for American Indian reservation communities and for people who live in island territories under U.S. administration.

