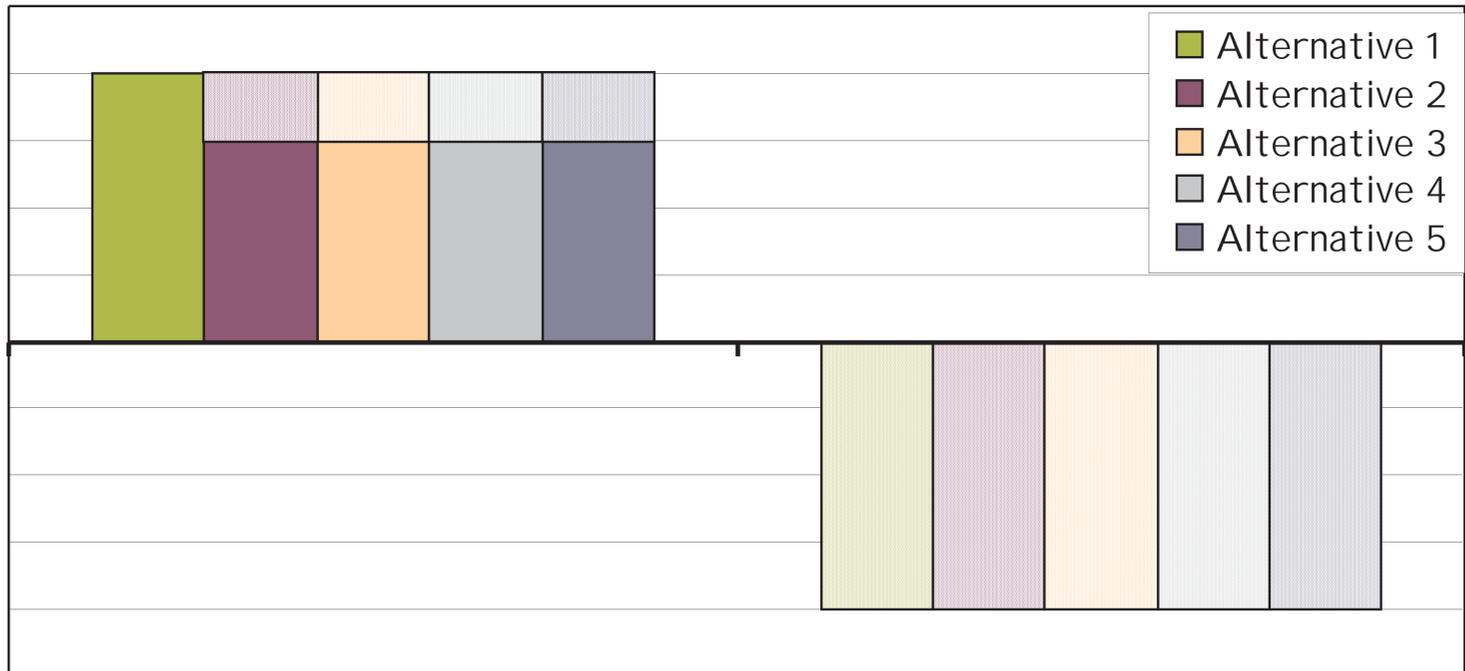




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# Impacts on Visitor Use and Experience

Beneficial



Viewing Opportunities

Management Activities/Fences

Adverse

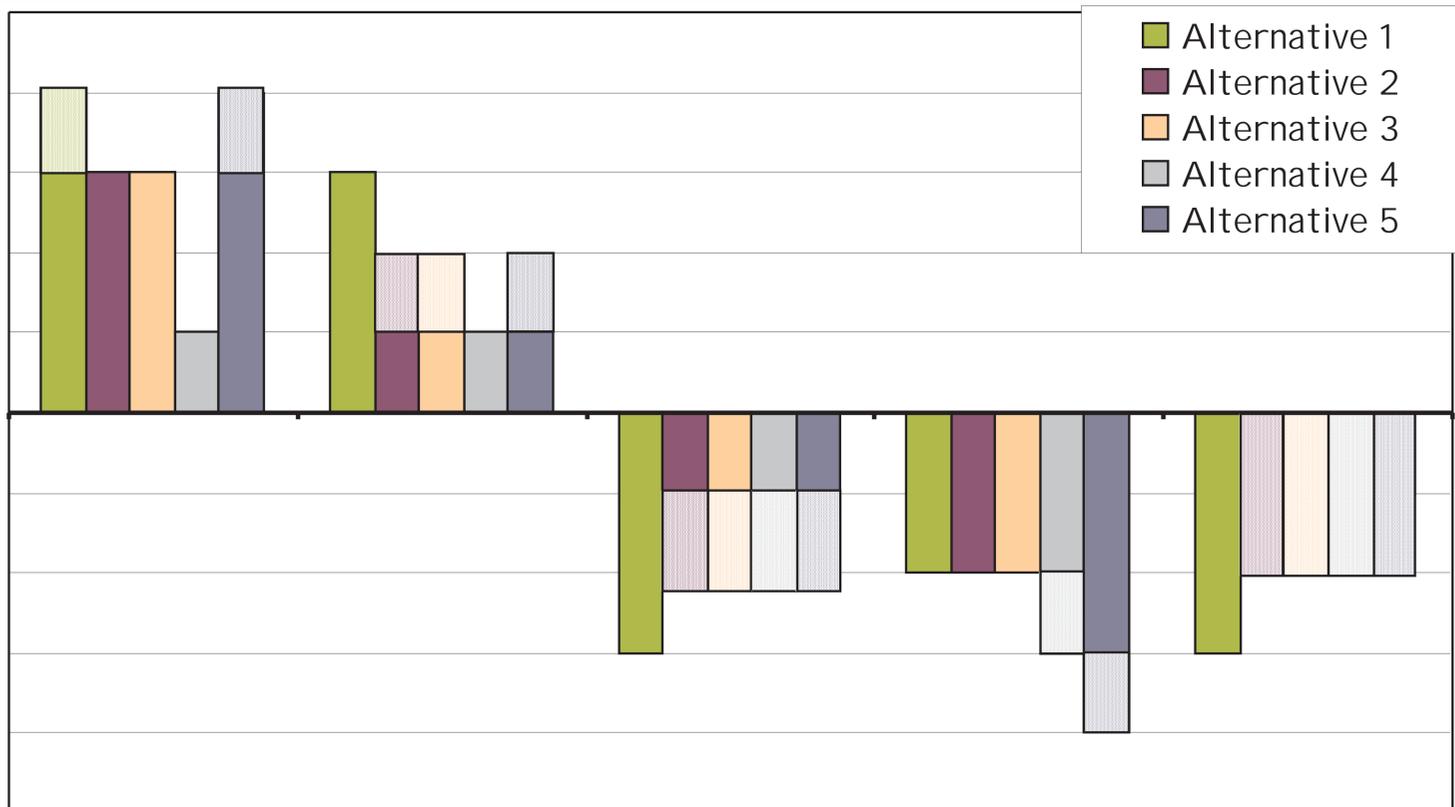
Elk Viewing Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative 1 - Continued opportunities to view elk, moderate to major benefits</li> <li>Alternatives 2 through 5 - Reduced elk viewing opportunities would have negligible to minor adverse effects; elk would continue to congregate in areas visible to the public</li> <li>Alternatives 2 through 5 - Benefits to visitors from viewing elk in a more natural setting and from improved vegetation condition</li> </ul>
Management Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative 1 - Helicopter use for 4-6 hours per year would have adverse effects ranging up to major</li> <li>Alternatives 2 through 5 - Management activities would have adverse effects ranging up to major that would decrease over time</li> <li>Alternative 4 - Marking of fertility control treated elk would have minor adverse effects to visitors</li> <li>Alternative 4 - Adverse effects on hunters due to potential of harvesting fertility control treated elk would be minor</li> </ul>
Fences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative 1 - Presences of fences for experimental purposes would have negligible adverse effects</li> <li>Alternatives 2 through 5 - Presence of fences in the park to protect vegetation would have negligible to major adverse effects</li> <li>Visitors who are opposed to fences in a national park would be greatly affected</li> <li>Those visitors who understand the need for vegetation protection would be less affected</li> </ul>



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# Impacts on Socioeconomics

Beneficial



Adverse

Tourism and Visitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative 1 - No change in visitation, \$10M annual sales and \$0.9M annual sales tax benefit (elk-related)</li> <li>Alternatives 2 and 3 - 5% lower visitation (-\$1.5M sales in years 1-4; no long-term loss in years 5-20)</li> <li>Alternative 4 - 10% lower visitation (fences, elk reduction, fertility control) (-\$3M sales in years 1-20)</li> <li>Alternative 5 - 10% increase in visitation due to wolf viewing opportunity (\$3M sales in years 1-20)</li> </ul>
Hunting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative 1 - Continued annual economic benefit (EP - \$.82M; Grand Lake - \$1.7M)</li> <li>Alternatives 2 and 3 - 5% increase on West Side (+\$85K); 2-3% decrease on East Side (-\$16-24K)</li> <li>Alternative 4 - 5% decrease in hunting (-\$127K)</li> <li>Alternative 5 - 2-3% increase on West Side (\$34-51K); 2-3% decrease on East Side (-\$16-24K)</li> </ul>
Estes Park and Estes Valley Recreation and Park District Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative 1 - Continued costs to managing elk and property damage</li> <li>Alternatives 2 and 3 - EP - \$50K decrease sales tax (year 1-4 only); EVRPD - \$3K decrease elk-related costs</li> <li>Alternative 4 - EP - \$100K decrease sales tax (year 1-20); EVRPD - \$2K decrease elk-related costs</li> <li>Alternative 5 - EP - \$100K increase sales tax (year 1-20); EVRPD - \$2.5K decrease elk-related costs</li> </ul>
CDOW and NPS Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative 1 - Continued costs to manage elk and for elk property damage</li> <li>Alternatives 2 and 3 - CDOW - no net change in revenue; NPS - \$50K decrease in visitor entrance fees</li> <li>Alternative 4 - CDOW - \$35K decrease in license revenue; NPS - \$100K decrease in visitor entrance fees</li> <li>Alternative 5 - CDOW - increased cost from public concern; NPS - increase costs to manage wolves</li> </ul>
Property, Agriculture and Traffic Incidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative 1 - Continued annual property damage, elk on ranches, traffic accidents, congestion (~\$500K)</li> <li>Alternative 2 - Benefits from reduced property damage, elk grazing on ranches, and traffic accidents or congestion (~\$150K)</li> <li>Alternative 3 and 4 - less than Alt 2 (~\$90K)</li> <li>Alternative 5 - Minimal benefits from reduced property damage, elk grazing on ranches, and traffic accidents or congestion; some potential domestic animal loss due to predation</li> </ul>