

Columbia County Shooting Range Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
and  
Columbia County Planning Group (CCPG) Masterplan Amendment  
On-Line Survey Results

Question 4: Please provide any comments on areas you feel the Department needs to improve within the EIS or areas you feel should be added to the document.

1. If this is built while the birds aren't nesting what about after when they are & the shooting is going on, while the noise might be deemed acceptable for us animals hear a lot more then we do, this seems to be a rather basic report, at the last meeting when concern for the eagles was voiced.

The dnr asked us if they were nesting in the area so obviously they don't know

2. Proposed items so far seem good common sense should prevail and not let 1 or 2 people decide where or not to put it..
3. I'm satisfied with the EIS report.
4. It was a bit upsetting to see that the DNR recognized that building a shooting range would impact the nesting patterns of the rare grassland birds of the area and so decided to build the range in the off season but they cannot see that the shooting range itself with gun fire and increased traffic will do as much if not more damage to these same birds. Will the range be closed during the breeding and nesting season of these birds?
5. I think the study is a waste of time.
6. No comment at this time.
7. Lead should be collected from berms during maintenance every few years. Can be sold to help fund upkeep.
8. It was interesting that the State of Wisconsin realized that building a shooting range would be disturbing to the nesting habits of the rare grassland birds of the area and so decided they would not do the building of the range during the nesting season. Yet they cannot come to the conclusion that USING a shooting range during that same time frame would be equally disturbing. Is the DNR planning on closing the shooting range during the breeding, nesting and rearing of young period of time for these rare birds as well?

Also to be considered for the area is the impact of a shooting range on businesses such as a wedding barn just to the north-west of the proposed site. How many people would like to get married with shooting going on in the background? Also there is a corn maze business to the south-east of the proposed site. How many parent will not want to take their kids there if constant shooting can be heard? These businesses provide income for the farm families who struggle on a day to day basis to find ways of keeping the family farm. It looks as if the State of Wisconsin is going to put an additional burden onto these

farm families so that those from the city have a place to come and play with their guns. There is also a private airstrip just to the east of the proposed site. The planes will be coming in for a landing right over the shooting range. How will this shooting impact this farmer's side business?

When looking at the environment, the human factor should be considered. This shooting range could have gone to a more remote location where there were no businesses that would have been adversely affected. It also could have gone to the Dekorra site where there were not only no businesses that would have been adversely affected but it would have been a boon to their businesses of McDonalds, Subway, their taverns and their gas stations. It would have brought in addition income to that town instead of taking it away from the Town of Lowville.

9. Lead exposure is of little importance in a state where lead is naturally present.
10. I am concerned about lead leaching into the groundwater.
11. I believe that an actual Boat landing should be added to the access on Traut Road for Mud Lake. The others are very crowded and that one is not used except for people shooting doves or target shooting. A lot of money was spent and it has no benefit. Put in an actual boat landing for Mud Lake.
12. I don't have any recommendations
13. I am confident shooting experts have provided the Department with significant resources to develop a safe and usable shooting range with minimal impact on surrounding properties.
14. Unsure
15. I agree with DNR study
16. Not my expertise
17. It would have been nice to list the rare species.
18. Very concerned on lead in ground water and also habitat for animal and flora being disturbed.
19. The EIS seems to support the Mud Lake WA proposed range. It would put the old building sight on the property to good use.
20. Not sure what all the data states.
21. I really have no issue with any environmental impact.
22. Quite spending tax dollars on this!!!

23. Not to be turned in to a garbage dump...and shooting at other birds of prey other than targets. We pheasant hunt in that area and would hate to see that ruined.
24. I think the EIS is acceptable as drafted
25. DNR is supposed to be keeping the environment intact. Shooting range will disrupt that.
26. The draft EIS state that there is "some level of concern" regarding additional action to address target shooting at other DNR areas. This is inaccurate. Prior to Feb. 5, 2015 the draft EIS should be amended to describe the Columbia Co. Board, Town of Pacific Board and Columbia County Conservation Congress resolutions. All three resolutions should be appendices to the draft EIS. Further, there is significant public controversy regarding delay in DNR rulemaking. I hereby request that the preliminary draft EIS be amended as above prior to Feb. 5, 2015 for public comment on the hearing record.