

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Monitoring the Implementation of Property Master Plans**

**Property or Properties:** **Buckhorn and Yellow River Wildlife Areas**

**Year Master Plan was Approved:** 2007

**Property-wide**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Recreation Mgt.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide opportunities for hunting, wildlife viewing, and trapping. Secondly, provide opportunities for hiking, skiing, nature study, and berry picking.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2015</b></p>	<p>Established hiking/hunter trails were mowed and maintained on Buckhorn WA and are part of the greater Buckhorn State Park trail system. Canoe launch access and waterfowl hunting blind maintained.</p>

**Buckhorn Oak-Pine Barrens Native Community Management Area**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Vegetation Mgt.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restore and maintain approximately 930 acres of ecologically functioning oak-pine barrens native community with a moderately-open structure and scattered older jack pine.</li> <li>• Provide opportunities for research, education, and ecological interpretation.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2015</b></p>	<p><i>Current 226 acre biomass timber sale designed for barrens restoration in progress. An additional year of harvest may be required. Burn proposal initiated for Greenhorn Barrens unit. Targeted for fall 2016 burn. Continued spot control of knapweed and black locust in disturbed areas.</i></p>

## Yellow River Oxbows Native Community Management Area

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Vegetation Mgt.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintain approximately 770 acres of ecologically functioning floodplain forest native community.</li><li>• Manage a 10-acre pine plantation west of the river by thinning towards a forest community dominated by scattered, larger, biologically mature trees.</li><li>• Maintain jack pine where it occurs on the upland sites east of the river.</li><li>• Provide opportunities for research, education, and ecological interpretation.</li></ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2015</b></p>	<p><i>Bullet 1- Accomplished through passive management</i> <i>Bullet 2- Red pine plantation marked and sold, Alien Pine sale.</i> <i>Bullet 3- Overstory removal targeted for northwest area, timber sale established and sold.</i> <i>Bullet 4- no action this year</i></p>

## Yellow River Bay Native Community Management Area

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Vegetation Mgt.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintain approximately 100 acres of ecologically functioning floodplain forest native community.</li><li>• Convert approximately 80 acres of pine plantation east of the river to a natural appearing, pine forest dominated by scattered, larger, biologically mature trees.</li><li>• Maintain approximately 11 acres of jack pine and 156 acres of jack pine/oak.</li><li>• In the area located south of the Yellow River Oxbows State Natural Area and on the west side of the lake, north of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street (an area of heavy oak wilt and mature jack pine), maintain oak and pine cover and convert a portion of the area to barrens according to local site conditions. Improved wildlife habitat would be a primary purpose of this segment.</li><li>• Provide opportunities for research, education, and ecological interpretation throughout the Yellow River Bay Management Area.</li></ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2015</b></p>	<p><i>Bullet 1- handled through passive management</i> <i>Bullet 2- accomplished through previous timber sale</i> <i>Bullet 3- addressed in the '09-'10 cut and timber sale of '13</i> <i>Bullet 4- accomplished through previous timber sale</i> <i>Bullet 5- no action in 2014</i></p>