

PUBLIC INPUT on the draft master plan and environmental impact statement for:

## SAUK PRAIRIE RECREATION AREA

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### FEEDBACK ON SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN.

**RECREATION** (see the summary or pages 17-29 of the draft master plan for more information).

1. Regarding the proposed mix of recreation activities, I think:

The mix of recreation activities proposed is appropriate.

The following recreation activities should be added: a couple open days for dual sport motorcycle activity

The following recreation activities should be removed: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:

The amount of recreation opportunities proposed is about right.

There should be more opportunities for these activities: Recreational dual sport riding beyond sponsored events

There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?

Considering the six days would involve club activity for dual sport a couple of open days for recreational dual sport should be considered.

**HABITAT MANAGEMENT** (see the summary or pages 30-45 of the draft master plan for more information).

4. Regarding the mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed, I think:

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These management techniques should not be used: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed restoration and management of habitats? What are your thoughts regarding the proposed habitat management techniques?

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**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES**

(see the summary on pages 80-83 of the draft master plan for information).

7. Regarding the cultural and historic interpretive opportunities proposed, I think:

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More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities? What do you think visitors will be most interested in learning about the property?

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**POTENTIAL OUTCOMES**

(see the summary on pages 113-127 of the draft master plan for more information).

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What are your thoughts on the description of potential effects that may result if the master plan is implemented? Are there potential impacts that are not adequately explained? If so, how should they be described?

*Balance for tourism & overall quality, not outweigh the negative factors.*

**ALTERNATIVES**

(see the summary on pages 129-138 of the draft master plan for more information).

10. Different options to achieve the habitat and recreation goals for the property were evaluated. What are your thoughts on the alternatives evaluated but not included in the final draft? Are there alternatives not selected that should be included in the proposed management plan? If so, which ones and why?

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*Adding the off road / dual sport motorcycles back in, the mix along w/ the rocking forest allows a plan for all to enjoy*

13. There are many aspects to this proposed master plan. Although the Department attempted to describe the proposed recreational use and habitat management clearly, there may be portions that are confusing or unclear. What parts of the master plan are confusing, missing, or need further explanation? What questions do you have?

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- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

15. If "Yes" in which of the following recreation activities are you likely to participate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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17. What recreation opportunities should the DNR and partners focus on providing in the next 3 years?

*Those that provide the most immediate opportunity to use the facility - all good things to be done*

## FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

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3. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?

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More emphasis should be placed on: Restoration of grassland and oak savanna habitat.

Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Regarding the mix of management techniques proposed to be used, I think:

The mix of management techniques proposed is appropriate.

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These management techniques should not be used: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed restoration and management of habitats? What are your thoughts regarding the proposed habitat management techniques?

There should have been a focus on restoring monarch butterfly habitat, American kestrel nest boxes, and a focus on providing restoring prairie invertebrates and rare plants.

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*Grasslands should be able to be restored for less than \$1,000/acre. It is necessary to use prescribed burning to restore and maintain grassland and savanna habitat.*

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*I liked all the detail in the plan.*

13. There are many aspects to this proposed master plan. Although the Department attempted to describe the proposed recreational use and habitat management clearly, there may be portions that are confusing or unclear. What parts of the master plan are confusing, missing, or need further explanation? What questions do you have?

*Missing - focus should also be on monarch habitat (food plants milkweeds and migration nectar plants) and info was missing on benefits for prairie invertebrate and rare plants.*

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*There should also be a mention of providing nest boxes for Am. kestrels. There should have been info on all the grassland birds.*

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14. Do you anticipate visiting the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area over the next 2 or 3 years?

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

15. If "Yes" in which of the following recreation activities are you likely to participate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking or walking                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational biking                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General sightseeing      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automobile driving       |
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## FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

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Zip code of primary residence:

53911

Name (Optional\*):

MARK MARTIN

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The following recreation activities should be added: More hiking trails; only low-impact activities

The following recreation activities should be removed: No dual-sport vehicles, or Model & High Power Rocketry. Hunting only Nov. 15-May 1

2. Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:

The amount of recreation opportunities proposed is about right.

There should be more opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_

There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: Now about 2/3 = recreation. Only 1/3 habitat management. A 50/50 mix is better.

3. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?

Dog hunting should be allowed only during approved hunting seasons.

No shooting range ~~that~~ should ever be considered.

Snow mobile trail on perimeter only, not interior.

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The mix of management techniques proposed is appropriate.

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Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

These management techniques should not be used: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed restoration and management of habitats? What are your thoughts regarding the proposed habitat management techniques?

I'm in full support of the habitat management proposals, but hope that habitat restoration will include at least 50% of property, not ~30% as proposed.

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What are your thoughts on the description of potential effects that may result if the master plan is implemented? Are there potential impacts that are not adequately explained? If so, how should they be described?

*Habitat management will be very helpful in improving populations of native plants, birds, and other wildlife as long as only low-impact recreation is allowed*

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12.1 What are your overall thoughts on the draft master plan?

*- More balance between recreation & habitat restoration*

*Low-impact activities only should be considered. These should be defined & criteria for low-impact should be set up.*

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*I suggest an equal amount of \$ be used for habitat management & recreation. As \$ become available this equality should be maintained.*

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Birding + Wildlife watching, hiking, walking

## FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

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- There should be a cohesive plan for entire Badger land area which includes collaboration with all land owners
- The EIS should be expanded to evaluate the impacts of all proposed recreational activities.

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7. Regarding the cultural and historic interpretive opportunities proposed, I think:
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8. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities? What do you think visitors will be most interested in learning about the property?
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- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding      | <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile driving                  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't participate in the activities that are proposed here       | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                  |
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I'd like to see more horse trails

**FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.**

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

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Zip code of primary residence: 53508 Name (Optional\*): MARY ELLEN BERG

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#### RECREATION

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The mix of recreation activities proposed is appropriate.

The following recreation activities should be added: ATV Trail riding

The following recreation activities should be removed: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:

The amount of recreation opportunities proposed is about right.

There should be more opportunities for these activities: should be ATV riding on current roads.

There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?

I would be nice to have a safe, approved rifle range in the area

#### HABITAT MANAGEMENT

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## FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

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*As a member of the Wisconsin River Runners A.T.V. Club we propose an early October Saturday or Sunday organized trail ride on the road on the property to see such sites as the reservoir, the 2 cemeteries, the land-fill, etc. We would encourage someone from your dept. to ride along w/ us on a side by side machine to be our guide. If this is successful perhaps could be done several times a year in the future.*

Zip code of primary residence: 53178 Name (Optional\*): Verne or Kimberly

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2.! Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:

- ! The amount of recreation opportunities proposed is about right.
- ! There should be more opportunities for these activities: Hiking
- ! There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: Rocketry & motorcycles

3.! What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?

Limit hunting days & dog training  
I disapprove of any "Special Events" that would not be low impact.

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I would locate any interpretive center near the entrance.

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I am concerned about traffic going into & out of the area. Traffic patterns will need to be changed.

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It's better than I thought that it would be, but could use improvement.

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Hiking, Cross country skiing & snowshoeing

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also snowmobiles range
- Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:
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  - There should be more opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_
  - There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: any of above listed also no unleashed dogs
- What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?
 

Very low impact recreation on property - only natural use

**HABITAT MANAGEMENT** (see the summary on pages 30-45 of the draft master plan for more information).

- Regarding the mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed, I think:
  - The mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed is appropriate.
  - More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Regarding the mix of management techniques proposed to be used, I think:
  - The mix of management techniques proposed is appropriate.
  - More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
  - These management techniques should not be used: Commercial timber sales!  
no. non-metallic mining
- What other comments do you have regarding the proposed restoration and management of habitats? What are your thoughts regarding the proposed habitat management techniques?
 

Keep area as natural as possible - restore to original land

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES** (see the summary on pages 80-83 of the draft master plan for information).

7. Regarding the cultural and historic interpretive opportunities proposed, I think:

- The mix of proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities is appropriate.
- More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities? What do you think visitors will be most interested in learning about the property?

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**POTENTIAL OUTCOMES** (see the summary on pages 113-127 of the draft master plan for more information).

9. Environmental, ecological, and economic benefits may occur if the proposed master plan is implemented (e.g., larger populations of rare grassland and savanna birds, more recreational opportunities for nearby residents and visitors, and increased economic activity in the region). In addition, some adverse outcomes may result (e.g., the cost to restore habitats and construct recreation facilities, smoke from the use of prescribed fire to control invasive species, and increased traffic on local roads from visitors).

What are your thoughts on the description of potential effects that may result if the master plan is implemented? Are there potential impacts that are not adequately explained? If so, how should they be described?

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**ALTERNATIVES** (see the summary on pages 129-138 of the draft master plan for more information).

10. Different options to achieve the habitat and recreation goals for the property were evaluated. What are your thoughts on the alternatives evaluated but not included in the final draft? Are there alternatives not selected that should be included in the proposed management plan? If so, which ones and why?

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**FEEDBACK ON THE OVERALL DRAFT MASTER PLAN.**

11. In developing the draft master plan, the DNR sought to balance recreation experiences (including education and interpretation of the property) and the conservation of native habitats at Sauk Prairie Recreation Area. How do you view the balance between recreation and conservation in the proposed master plan?

- Far too much emphasis on recreation
- Somewhat too much emphasis on recreation
- About the right balance between conservation and recreation
- Somewhat too much emphasis on conservation
- Far too much emphasis on conservation

12. What are your overall thoughts on the draft master plan?

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13. There are many aspects to this proposed master plan. Although the Department attempted to describe the proposed recreational use and habitat management clearly, there may be portions that are confusing or unclear. What parts of the master plan are confusing, missing, or need further explanation? What questions do you have?

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## VISITING SAUK PRAIRIE RECREATION AREA.

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14. Do you anticipate visiting the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area over the next 2 or 3 years?

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

15. If "Yes" in which of the following recreation activities are you likely to participate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking or walking     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photography              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreational biking   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General sightseeing      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding      | <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile driving                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing or snowshoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pheasant                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual-sport motorcycle riding        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocketry                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small game                       | <input type="checkbox"/> "Fat tire" bike riding              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Running or conditioning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird and other wildlife watching | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                         |

16. If "No" which of the following might be reasons for not visiting? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No interest  | <input type="checkbox"/> I am concerned about safety  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I intend to wait until more recreation opportunities are available | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't live in the area   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't participate in the activities that are proposed here       | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know   |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>motorized trails - noise &amp; smell from snowmobiles or bikes</u> |

17. What recreation opportunities should the DNR and partners focus on providing in the next 3 years?

Hiking or walking, horseback riding trails, education & interpretation  
kiosks & picnic areas

## FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

Keep nature in area; it has been misused enough.  
Access roads to public limited, parking areas and trails for  
specific low impact, low noise activity

Zip code of primary residence: 53583 Name (Optional\*): \_\_\_\_\_

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  - There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_
- What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?
 

More opportunities for environmental and ecological activities.

##### HABITAT MANAGEMENT (see the summary on pages 30-45 of the draft master plan for more information).

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Excellent restoration proposals

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\_\_\_\_\_

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What are your thoughts on the description of potential effects that may result if the master plan is implemented? Are there potential impacts that are not adequately explained? If so, how should they be described?

*Explain need for fire to neighbors and visitors.*

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**ALTERNATIVES** (see the summary on pages 129-138 of the draft master plan for more information).

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*None*

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**VISITING SAUK PRAIRIE RECREATION AREA.**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreational biking              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General sightseeing      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile driving                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing or snowshoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pheasant                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual-sport motorcycle riding        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocketry                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small game                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> "Fat tire" bike riding              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Running or conditioning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bird and other wildlife watching | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                         |

16. If "No" which of the following might be reasons for not visiting? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No interest  | <input type="checkbox"/> I am concerned about safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I intend to wait until more recreation opportunities are available | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't live in the area    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't participate in the activities that are proposed here       | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

17. What recreation opportunities should the DNR and partners focus on providing in the next 3 years?

Low impact, no motorized vehicles such as snow mobiles or all terrain vehicles.

**FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS:**

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

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Zip code of primary residence: 53959 Name (Optional\*): Cynthia Howland

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No firearms, snow mobiles or all terrain vehicles

##### HABITAT MANAGEMENT (see the summary on pages 30-45 of the draft master plan for more information).

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Excellent restoration proposals

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Explain need for TMS to neighbors, visitors

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NO FIRE ARMS, snowmobiles or all terrain vehicles

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12. What are your overall thoughts on the draft master plan?

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13. There are many aspects to this proposed master plan. Although the Department attempted to describe the proposed recreational use and habitat management clearly, there may be portions that are confusing or unclear. What parts of the master plan are confusing, missing, or need further explanation? What questions do you have?

NO MA

**VISITING SAUK PRAIRIE RECREATION AREA.**

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14. Do you anticipate visiting the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area over the next 2 or 3 years?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

15. If "Yes" in which of the following recreation activities are you likely to participate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking or walking                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photography              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreational biking              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General sightseeing      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile driving                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing or snowshoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pheasant                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual-sport motorcycle riding        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocketry                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small game                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> "Fat tire" bike riding              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Running or conditioning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bird and other wildlife watching | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                         |

16. If "No" which of the following might be reasons for not visiting? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No interest  | <input type="checkbox"/> I am concerned about safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I intend to wait until more recreation opportunities are available | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't live in the area    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't participate in the activities that are proposed here       | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

17. What recreation opportunities should the DNR and partners focus on providing in the next 3 years?

*Low impact, no firearms, no motorized vehicles such as snowmobilers or all terrain vehicles*

**FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS:**

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

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Zip code of primary residence: 53915-0 Name (Optional): Jim Schmecker

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- Regarding the proposed mix of recreation activities, I think:
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  - The following recreation activities should be added: \_\_\_\_\_
  - The following recreation activities should be removed: All Terrain Vehicles, snowmobiles and firearms
- Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:
  - The amount of recreation opportunities proposed is about right.
  - There should be more opportunities for these activities: environmental and ecological activities
  - There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_
- What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?
 

No firearms, snowmobiles and all ATV Terrain vehicles

#### HABITAT MANAGEMENT (see the summary on pages 30-45 of the draft master plan for more information).

- Regarding the mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed, I think:
  - The mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed is appropriate.
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  - Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
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  - Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
  - These management techniques should not be used: \_\_\_\_\_
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Excellent restoration proposals

Sauk Prairie Recreation Area - DECISION NUMBER

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

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- Somewhat too much emphasis on recreation
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- Somewhat too much emphasis on conservation
- Far too much emphasis on conservation

- What are your overall thoughts on the draft master plan?
 

Excellent restoration proposals, "Worry some camouflaged firearm use as dog training"
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##### RECREATION

(see the summary on pages 17-29 of the draft master plan for more information).

1. Regarding the proposed mix of recreation activities, I think:

The mix of recreation activities proposed is appropriate.

The following recreation activities should be added: \_\_\_\_\_

The following recreation activities should be removed: GUN RANGE / ATV'S / SNOW MOBILES

2. Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:

The amount of recreation opportunities proposed is about right.

There should be more opportunities for these activities: NATURE TRAILS & WALKS

There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?

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\_\_\_\_\_

##### HABITAT MANAGEMENT

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4. Regarding the mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed, I think:

The mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed is appropriate.

More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Regarding the mix of management techniques proposed to be used, I think:

The mix of management techniques proposed is appropriate.

More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

These management techniques should not be used: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed restoration and management of habitats? What are your thoughts regarding the proposed habitat management techniques?

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- Don't know

15. If "Yes" in which of the following recreation activities are you likely to participate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

17. What recreation opportunities should the DNR and partners focus on providing in the next 3 years?

I WOULD RIDE ON A GUIDED TOUR (SAFARI-STYLE) TO SEE ALL THE NATURAL HABITAT / FLORA & FAUNA

**FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS**

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

I FEEL THOSE WHO HAVE PHYSICALLY WORKED THERE TO CLEAN OUT THE BRUSH, WEEDS & INVASIVE PLANTLIFE SHOULD HAVE THE MOST SAY!

I AM NOT QUALIFIED, THANK YOU

Zip code of primary residence: 53959 Name (Optional): Donald D. Emma

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- Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:  
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 There should be more opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
 There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_
- What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?  
N/C  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### HABITAT MANAGEMENT

(see the summary on pages 30-45 of the draft master plan for more information).

- Regarding the mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed, I think:  
 The mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed is appropriate.  
 More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Regarding the mix of management techniques proposed to be used, I think:  
 The mix of management techniques proposed is appropriate.  
 More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_  
 These management techniques should not be used: DISCRIMINATORY PRESSURE
- What other comments do you have regarding the proposed restoration and management of habitats? What are your thoughts regarding the proposed habitat management techniques?  
CLOSELY CONTROL HUNTING / TRAPPING ACTIVITIES  
@ DEER KILL - REGISTRATION PROCESS

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES**

(see the summary on pages 80-83 of the draft master plan for information).

7. Regarding the cultural and historic interpretive opportunities proposed, I think: NO COMMENT
- The mix of proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities is appropriate.
  - More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities? What do you think visitors will be most interested in learning about the property?

NO COMMENT

**POTENTIAL OUTCOMES**

(see the summary on pages 113-127 of the draft master plan for more information).

9. Environmental, ecological, and economic benefits may occur if the proposed master plan is implemented (e.g., larger populations of rare grassland and savanna birds, more recreational opportunities for nearby residents and visitors, and increased economic activity in the region). In addition, some adverse outcomes may result (e.g., the cost to restore habitats and construct recreation facilities, smoke from the use of prescribed fire to control invasive species, and increased traffic on local roads from visitors).

What are your thoughts on the description of potential effects that may result if the master plan is implemented? Are there potential impacts that are not adequately explained? If so, how should they be described?

**ALTERNATIVES**

(see the summary on pages 129-138 of the draft master plan for more information).

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MORE CAMPING / PARKING AREA FOR EQUINE ACTIVITIES

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- Far too much emphasis on recreation
- Somewhat too much emphasis on recreation
- About the right balance between conservation and recreation
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12. What are your overall thoughts on the draft master plan?

13. There are many aspects to this proposed master plan. Although the Department attempted to describe the proposed recreational use and habitat management clearly, there may be portions that are confusing or unclear. What parts of the master plan are confusing, missing, or need further explanation? What questions do you have?

AVOID CONFLICTING ACTIVITIES IE - EQUINE - MOTOR BIKES - SNOWMOBILES, ATVs - USING SAME TRAILS WITH EACH OTHER

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14. Do you anticipate visiting the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area over the next 2 or 3 years?

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

15. If "Yes" in which of the following recreation activities are you likely to participate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking or walking                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photography              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational biking              | <input type="checkbox"/> General sightseeing                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding      | <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile driving                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing or snowshoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pheasant                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual-sport motorcycle riding        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocketry                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small game                       | <input type="checkbox"/> "Fat tire" bike riding              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Running or conditioning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird and other wildlife watching | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                         |

16. If "No" which of the following might be reasons for not visiting? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No interest  | <input type="checkbox"/> I am concerned about safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I intend to wait until more recreation opportunities are available | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't live in the area    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't participate in the activities that are proposed here       | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

17. What recreation opportunities should the DNR and partners focus on providing in the next 3 years?

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## FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

THANK YOU DNR / WISCONSIN FOR PROVIDING  
THIS WONDERFUL PLAN / FACILITIES FOR OUR  
USE. TAX \$ WELL SPENT & OPPORTUNITY FOR  
PRIVATE PARTICIPATION

Zip code of primary residence: 53010 Name (Optional\*): \_\_\_\_\_

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### FEEDBACK ON SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN.

#### RECREATION

(see the summary on pages 17-29 of the draft master plan for more information).

1. Regarding the proposed mix of recreation activities, I think:

The mix of recreation activities proposed is appropriate.

The following recreation activities should be added: Off Highway and Dual Sport Motorcycling

The following recreation activities should be removed: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:

The amount of recreation opportunities proposed is about right.

There should be more opportunities for these activities: Dual Sport and Off Highway Motorcycles

There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?

There are several other parks in the area where people can already enjoy nearly all of the proposed activities. None of these parks offer opportunity for underserved off road motorcycle activities.

#### HABITAT MANAGEMENT

(see the summary on pages 30-45 of the draft master plan for more information).

4. Regarding the mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed, I think:

The mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed is appropriate.

More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Regarding the mix of management techniques proposed to be used, I think:

The mix of management techniques proposed is appropriate.

More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

These management techniques should not be used: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed restoration and management of habitats? What are your thoughts regarding the proposed habitat management techniques?

If proposed techniques are adhered to I feel proper management will be achieved.

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES**

(see the summary on pages 80-83 of the draft master plan for information).

7. Regarding the cultural and historic interpretive opportunities proposed, I think:

- The mix of proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities is appropriate.
- More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities? What do you think visitors will be most interested in learning about the property?

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**POTENTIAL OUTCOMES**

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What are your thoughts on the description of potential effects that may result if the master plan is implemented? Are there potential impacts that are not adequately explained? If so, how should they be described?

Much of potential impact cannot be fully predicted. Balance would be essential. I see no potential adverse environmental effects from the proposal for off highway motorcycling.

**ALTERNATIVES**

(see the summary on pages 129-138 of the draft master plan for more information).

10. Different options to achieve the habitat and recreation goals for the property were evaluated. What are your thoughts on the alternatives evaluated but not included in the final draft? Are there alternatives not selected that should be included in the proposed management plan? If so, which ones and why?

off highway motorcycling is being left out while the "standard" recreational opportunities available elsewhere continue.

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- Far too much emphasis on conservation

12. What are your overall thoughts on the draft master plan?

It does not account for the fact that many of the opportunities being included are already available nearby. Opportunity for motorized recreation was discarded for the wrong reasons.

13. There are many aspects to this proposed master plan. Although the Department attempted to describe the proposed recreational use and habitat management clearly, there may be portions that are confusing or unclear. What parts of the master plan are confusing, missing, or need further explanation? What questions do you have?

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## VISITING SAUK PRAIRIE RECREATION AREA.

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14. Do you anticipate visiting the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area over the next 2 or 3 years?

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

15. If "Yes" in which of the following recreation activities are you likely to participate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking or walking                | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational biking              | <input type="checkbox"/> General sightseeing                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile driving                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing or snowshoeing     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pheasant                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dual-sport motorcycle riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocketry                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small game                       | <input type="checkbox"/> "Fat tire" bike riding                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Running or conditioning                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird and other wildlife watching | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                             |

16. If "No" which of the following might be reasons for not visiting? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No interest  | <input type="checkbox"/> I am concerned about safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I intend to wait until more recreation opportunities are available | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't live in the area    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't participate in the activities that are proposed here       | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

17. What recreation opportunities should the DNR and partners focus on providing in the next 3 years?

Opportunity for Dual Sport Motorcycling should be developed soon since this interest is underserved regionally.

## FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

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#### FEEDBACK ON SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN.

##### RECREATION

(see the summary or pages 17-29 of the draft master plan for more information).

1. Regarding the proposed mix of recreation activities, I think:

The mix of recreation activities proposed is appropriate.

The following recreation activities should be added: MOTORCYCLE TRAILS (SINGLE TRACK)

The following recreation activities should be removed: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:

The amount of recreation opportunities proposed is about right.

There should be more opportunities for these activities: OFF ROAD MOTORCYCLE RIDING/TRAILS

There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?

I CURRENTLY RIDE IN MARQUETTE MI BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE ANY COMPARABLE AREAS.

##### HABITAT MANAGEMENT

(see the summary or pages 30-45 of the draft master plan for more information).

4. Regarding the mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed, I think:

The mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed is appropriate.

More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Regarding the mix of management techniques proposed to be used, I think:

The mix of management techniques proposed is appropriate.

More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

These management techniques should not be used: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed restoration and management of habitats? What are your thoughts regarding the proposed habitat management techniques?

I THINK THAT A NARROW (SINGLE TRACK) MOTORCYCLE TRAIL WOULD HAVE MINIMAL IMPACT ON THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

## CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

(see the summary or pages 80-83 of the draft master plan for information).

7. Regarding the cultural and historic interpretive opportunities proposed, I think:

The mix of proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities is appropriate.

More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities? What do you think visitors will be most interested in learning about the property?

## POTENTIAL OUTCOMES

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What are your thoughts on the description of potential effects that may result if the master plan is implemented? Are there potential impacts that are not adequately explained? If so, how should they be described?

MINIMAL IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT FROM OFF ROAD

MOTORCYCLES

## ALTERNATIVES

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OFF HIGHWAY MOTORCYCLING HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN NEIGHBORING STATES, YET WISCONSIN HAS BEEN ABSENT & IS MISSING OUT ON THIS ECONOMIC WINDFALL.

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Far too much emphasis on recreation

Somewhat too much emphasis on recreation

About the right balance between conservation and recreation

Somewhat too much emphasis on conservation

Far too much emphasis on conservation

12. What are your overall thoughts on the draft master plan?

ALLOWING MOTORCYCLES TO UTILIZE THIS PROPERTY INTERMITTENTLY WOULD PROVE THE VALIDITY OF OUR USE MORE PERMANENTLY.

13. There are many aspects to this proposed master plan. Although the Department attempted to describe the proposed recreational use and habitat management clearly, there may be portions that are confusing or unclear. What parts of the master plan are confusing, missing, or need further explanation? What questions do you have?

DOES THE STATE PROVIDE ANY REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE MONEY COLLECTED FOR ROAD TAX BUT USED OFF ROAD?

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14. Do you anticipate visiting the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area over the next 2 or 3 years?

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

15. If "Yes" in which of the following recreation activities are you likely to participate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking or walking     | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreational biking   | <input type="checkbox"/> General sightseeing                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile driving                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing or snowshoeing     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pheasant                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dual-sport motorcycle riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocketry                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small game                       | <input type="checkbox"/> "Fat tire" bike riding                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Running or conditioning                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching                              |
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17. What recreation opportunities should the DNR and partners focus on providing in the next 3 years?

MORE CHANCES TO USE OUR DUAL SPORT MOTORCYCLES IS NEEDED.  
DUAL SPORT MOTORCYCLES ARE NOT RACE BIKES, MORE SUSTAINABLE.

## FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

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The mix of recreation activities proposed is appropriate.

The following recreation activities should be added: SNOWMOBILE TRAIL TO CONNECT TO THE

The following recreation activities should be removed: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:

The amount of recreation opportunities proposed is about right.

There should be more opportunities for these activities: STATEWIDE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL SYSTEM

There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?

CONNECT THE SNOWMOBILE TRAIL SYSTEM SO IT IS  
CONNECTED STATEWIDE THROUGH THE SPRA.

#### HABITAT MANAGEMENT (see the summary or pages 30-45 of the draft master plan for more information).

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Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Regarding the mix of management techniques proposed to be used, I think:

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Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

These management techniques should not be used: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed restoration and management of habitats? What are your thoughts regarding the proposed habitat management techniques?

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**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES** (see the summary on pages 80-83 of the draft master plan for information).

7. Regarding the cultural and historic interpretive opportunities proposed, I think:

- The mix of proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities is appropriate.
- More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities? What do you think visitors will be most interested in learning about the property?

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12. What are your overall thoughts on the draft master plan?

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- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

15. If "Yes" in which of the following recreation activities are you likely to participate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking or walking     | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational biking              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General sightseeing      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile driving                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing or snowshoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pheasant                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual-sport motorcycle riding        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocketry                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small game                       | <input type="checkbox"/> "Fat tire" bike riding              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Running or conditioning             |
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16. If "No" which of the following might be reasons for not visiting? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No interest  | <input type="checkbox"/> I am concerned about safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I intend to wait until more recreation opportunities are available | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't live in the area    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't participate in the activities that are proposed here       | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

17. What recreation opportunities should the DNR and partners focus on providing in the next 3 years?

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## FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

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## FEEDBACK ON SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN.

### RECREATION

(see the summary or pages 17-29 of the draft master plan for more information).

1. Regarding the proposed mix of recreation activities, I think:

The mix of recreation activities proposed is appropriate.

The following recreation activities should be added: \_\_\_\_\_

The following recreation activities should be removed: rockets & ATV'S

2. Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:

The amount of recreation opportunities proposed is about right.

There should be more opportunities for these activities: field trials, dog training

There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?

The dog training area needs to be larger. Perhaps the entire Magazine area could be used

### HABITAT MANAGEMENT

(see the summary or pages 30-45 of the draft master plan for more information).

4. Regarding the mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed, I think:

The mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed is appropriate.

More emphasis should be placed on: game birds

Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Regarding the mix of management techniques proposed to be used, I think:

The mix of management techniques proposed is appropriate.

More emphasis should be placed on: hunting

Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

These management techniques should not be used: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed restoration and management of habitats? What are your thoughts regarding the proposed habitat management techniques?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

(see the summary or pages 80-83 of the draft master plan for information).

7. Regarding the cultural and historic interpretive opportunities proposed, I think:

The mix of proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities is appropriate.

More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities? What do you think visitors will be most interested in learning about the property?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## POTENTIAL OUTCOMES

(see the summary or pages 113-127 of the draft master plan for more information).

9. Environmental, ecological, and economic benefits may occur if the proposed master plan is implemented (e.g., larger populations of rare grassland and savanna birds, more recreational opportunities for nearby residents and visitors, and increased economic activity in the region). In addition, some adverse outcomes may result (e.g., the cost to restore habitats and construct recreation facilities, smoke from the use of prescribed fire to control invasive species, and increased traffic on local roads from visitors).

What are your thoughts on the description of potential effects that may result if the master plan is implemented? Are there potential impacts that are not adequately explained? If so, how should they be described?

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\_\_\_\_\_

## ALTERNATIVES

(see the summary or pages 129-138 of the draft master plan for more information).

10. Different options to achieve the habitat and recreation goals for the property were evaluated. What are your thoughts on the alternatives evaluated but not included in the final draft? Are there alternatives not selected that should be included in the proposed management plan? If so, which ones and why?

If Magazine area opened to field trialing, the field trialers work w/ DNR to maintain thru the Grounds Assn. Grounds Assn would need to be set up

## FEEDBACK ON THE OVERALL DRAFT MASTER PLAN.

11. In developing the draft master plan, the DNR sought to balance recreation experiences (including education and interpretation of the property) and the conservation of native habitats at Sauk Prairie Recreation Area. How do you view the balance between recreation and conservation in the proposed master plan?

- Far too much emphasis on recreation  
 Somewhat too much emphasis on recreation  
 About the right balance between conservation and recreation  
 Somewhat too much emphasis on conservation  
 Far too much emphasis on conservation

12. What are your overall thoughts on the draft master plan?

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\_\_\_\_\_

13. There are many aspects to this proposed master plan. Although the Department attempted to describe the proposed recreational use and habitat management clearly, there may be portions that are confusing or unclear. What parts of the master plan are confusing, missing, or need further explanation? What questions do you have?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## VISITING SAUK PRAIRIE RECREATION AREA.

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14. Do you anticipate visiting the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area over the next 2 or 3 years?

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

15. If "Yes" in which of the following recreation activities are you likely to participate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking or walking     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photography               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational biking              | <input type="checkbox"/> General sightseeing                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automobile driving        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing or snowshoeing  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pheasant                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual-sport motorcycle riding         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocketry                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small game                       | <input type="checkbox"/> "Fat tire" bike riding               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Running or conditioning              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird and other wildlife watching | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Dog training</u> |

16. If "No" which of the following might be reasons for not visiting? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No interest  | <input type="checkbox"/> I am concerned about safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I intend to wait until more recreation opportunities are available | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't live in the area    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't participate in the activities that are proposed here       | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

17. What recreation opportunities should the DNR and partners focus on providing in the next 3 years?

Field training

## FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

Field trials + hunt tests bring people to Wisc from surrounding states. Those folks, in addition to those coming to the events from a distance within WI, spend money! Stimulates local economy

Zip code of primary residence: 53932 Name (Optional\*): \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you!

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## FEEDBACK ON SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN.

**RECREATION** (see the summary or pages 17-29 of the draft master plan for more information).

1. Regarding the proposed mix of recreation activities, I think:

- The mix of recreation activities proposed is appropriate.
- The following recreation activities should be added: \_\_\_\_\_

The following recreation activities should be removed: snowmobiling & dual sport motorcycles  
No trapping! No off-leash dogs!

2. Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:

- The amount of recreation opportunities proposed is about right.
- There should be more opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_
- There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?

recreation mainly for "quiet activities" minus bicycle users. ~~Additional~~ area for campers in Devils Lake Area. Use as an <sup>↑</sup> additional

**HABITAT MANAGEMENT** (see the summary or pages 30-45 of the draft master plan for more information).

4. Regarding the mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed, I think:

- The mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed is appropriate.
- More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Regarding the mix of management techniques proposed to be used, I think:

- The mix of management techniques proposed is appropriate.
- More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
- These management techniques should not be used: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed restoration and management of habitats? What are your thoughts regarding the proposed habitat management techniques?

Yes - to eliminating invasive plants/shrubs and restoring oak opening, woodlands & grasslands.

CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

(see the summary on pages 80-83 of the draft master plan for information).

7. Regarding the cultural and historic interpretive opportunities proposed, I think:

- The mix of proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities is appropriate.
- More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities? What do you think visitors will be most interested in learning about the property?

Be sure to get plenty of input from Ho-Chunk Nation about life + culture of Native Am. - also plenty of education about physical geology, etc.

POTENTIAL OUTCOMES

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9. Environmental, ecological, and economic benefits may occur if the proposed master plan is implemented (e.g., larger populations of rare grassland and savanna birds, more recreational opportunities for nearby residents and visitors, and increased economic activity in the region). In addition, some adverse outcomes may result (e.g., the cost to restore habitats and construct recreation facilities, smoke from the use of prescribed fire to control invasive species, and increased traffic on local roads from visitors).

What are your thoughts on the description of potential effects that may result if the master plan is implemented? Are there potential impacts that are not adequately explained? If so, how should they be described?

Costs to restore & maintain habitats are not adverse impacts - they are investments in future generation's well-being and an opportunity to protect dwindling habitats/species

ALTERNATIVES

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10. Different options to achieve the habitat and recreation goals for the property were evaluated. What are your thoughts on the alternatives evaluated but not included in the final draft? Are there alternatives not selected that should be included in the proposed management plan? If so, which ones and why?

Good not to include dog trails - they degrade quality of land also good not to include motorized area there are many other areas for these things.

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- Somewhat too much emphasis on recreation
- About the right balance between conservation and recreation
- Somewhat too much emphasis on conservation
- Far too much emphasis on conservation

12. What are your overall thoughts on the draft master plan?

many good ideas - but emphasis should be on restoring area to original state. It is an opportunity that may not be available again,

13. There are many aspects to this proposed master plan. Although the Department attempted to describe the proposed recreational use and habitat management clearly, there may be portions that are confusing or unclear. What parts of the master plan are confusing, missing, or need further explanation? What questions do you have?

Not clear about contamination - is it remaining. How do we know water is safe? How do we know toxic residue has been removed? Do we have third-party verification?

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14. Do you anticipate visiting the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area over the next 2 or 3 years?

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

15. If "Yes" in which of the following recreation activities are you likely to participate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking or walking                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photography              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational biking                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General sightseeing      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile driving                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing or snowshoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pheasant                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual-sport motorcycle riding        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocketry                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small game                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> "Fat tire" bike riding              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Running or conditioning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bird and other wildlife watching | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                         |

16. If "No" which of the following might be reasons for not visiting? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No interest  | <input type="checkbox"/> I am concerned about safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I intend to wait until more recreation opportunities are available | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't live in the area    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't participate in the activities that are proposed here       | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

17. What recreation opportunities should the DNR and partners focus on providing in the next 3 years?

Education/Hiking/General Sightseeing

## FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

This is a great opportunity to reclaim this area for future generations. It is important to consult with, and sincerely consider the advice of the experts - the ecologists who can guide such an undertaking - and set politics aside while making decisions.

Zip code of primary residence: 53189 Name (Optional\*): \_\_\_\_\_

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### FEEDBACK ON SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN.

**RECREATION** (see the summary or pages 17-29 of the draft master plan for more information).

- Regarding the proposed mix of recreation activities, I think:
  - The mix of recreation activities proposed is appropriate.
  - The following recreation activities should be added: \_\_\_\_\_
  - The following recreation activities should be removed: Rockets, Motorcycles, dogs, horses  
HAPPY NO ATV OR shooting range
- Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:
  - The amount of recreation opportunities proposed is about right.
  - There should be more opportunities for these activities: SILENT SPORTS
  - There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_
- What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?
 

ONLY Recreation Compatible with Restoration AS you said in the  
PROPERTY ANALYSIS 2012  
SNOW MOBILES ONLY ON Perimeter of Property

**HABITAT MANAGEMENT** (see the summary or pages 30-45 of the draft master plan for more information).

- Regarding the mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed, I think:
  - The mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed is appropriate.
  - More emphasis should be placed on: Hillside Prairie
  - Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Regarding the mix of management techniques proposed to be used, I think:
  - The mix of management techniques proposed is appropriate.
  - More emphasis should be placed on: LANDSCAPE SCALE Restoration with Ho Chunk & DFRC
  - Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
  - These management techniques should not be used: \_\_\_\_\_
- What other comments do you have regarding the proposed restoration and management of habitats? What are your thoughts regarding the proposed habitat management techniques?
 

USE goats!  
1. Good to use ROW CROPS (temporarily) to keep out invasives - ALSO GRAZING GOOD  
2. WORK WITH HoChunk & DAIRY FORAGE TO PLAN restoration for  
all of Badger

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES**

(see the summary on pages 80-83 of the draft master plan for information).

7. Regarding the cultural and historic interpretive opportunities proposed, I think:

- The mix of proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities is appropriate.
- More emphasis should be placed on: NATURAL HISTORY
- Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities? What do you think visitors will be most interested in learning about the property?

Reuse plan says "COMBINED VISITORS CENTER/MUSEUM". COMBINE DNR, HD CHUCK & DFRC RESOURCES FOR A 1ST CLASS ONE. ONE FOR ALL, ALL FOR ONE

**POTENTIAL OUTCOMES**

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What are your thoughts on the description of potential effects that may result if the master plan is implemented? Are there potential impacts that are not adequately explained? If so, how should they be described?

THIS IS VERY BLANTED QUESTION! WHAT ABOUT ROCKETS, NATIONAL GUARD & DUAL SPORT MOTORCYCLES? WHAT IMPACT DO HORSES HAVE?

**ALTERNATIVES**

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10. Different options to achieve the habitat and recreation goals for the property were evaluated. What are your thoughts on the alternatives evaluated but not included in the final draft? Are there alternatives not selected that should be included in the proposed management plan? If so, which ones and why?

60% RECREATION, 35% HABITAT, PUTS EMPHASIS IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

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- Far too much emphasis on conservation

12. What are your overall thoughts on the draft master plan?

MAGAZINE AREA AS A "mini-Bond" - CATCH ALL NOT ACCEPTABLE. NO CLEAR DEFINITION OF SPECIAL USE

13. There are many aspects to this proposed master plan. Although the Department attempted to describe the proposed recreational use and habitat management clearly, there may be portions that are confusing or unclear. What parts of the master plan are confusing, missing, or need further explanation? What questions do you have?

DEFINE "SPECIAL USE" - NOT EXPLAINED. SPECIAL USE COULD TAKE OVER ENTIRE PROPERTY BEYOND MAGAZINE AREA NOT OK

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- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

15. If "Yes" in which of the following recreation activities are you likely to participate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hiking or walking                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photography                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreational biking              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General sightseeing                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automobile driving                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing or snowshoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pheasant                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual-sport motorcycle riding                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocketry                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small game                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> "Fat tire" bike riding                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Running or conditioning                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bird and other wildlife watching | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                    |

16. If "No" which of the following might be reasons for not visiting? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No interest  | <input type="checkbox"/> I am concerned about safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I intend to wait until more recreation opportunities are available | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't live in the area    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't participate in the activities that are proposed here       | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

17. What recreation opportunities should the DNR and partners focus on providing in the next 3 years?

what didn't you ask which restoration priorities should have focus next 3 yrs

## FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

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Zip code of primary residence: 53913 Name (Optional\*): Jim

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1. Regarding the proposed mix of recreation activities, I think:

- The mix of recreation activities proposed is appropriate.
- The following recreation activities should be added: Dedicated off Highway Motorcycle
- The following recreation activities should be removed: And Trails Motorcycle Area

2. Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:

- The amount of recreation opportunities proposed is about right.
- There should be more opportunities for these activities: off Highway And Trails Motorcycling
- There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?

There are lots of parks where all activities can be enjoyed, but none with a cycling path. This park can allow all including a cycling path.

### HABITAT MANAGEMENT (see the summary on pages 30-45 of the draft master plan for more information).

4. Regarding the mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed, I think:

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- More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Regarding the mix of management techniques proposed to be used, I think:

- The mix of management techniques proposed is appropriate.
- More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
- These management techniques should not be used: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed restoration and management of habitats? What are your thoughts regarding the proposed habitat management techniques?

None, as stated

CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES

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7. Regarding the cultural and historic interpretive opportunities proposed, I think:

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- More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities? What do you think visitors will be most interested in learning about the property?

Fire, w/ II Development + ec. part.

POTENTIAL OUTCOMES

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What are your thoughts on the description of potential effects that may result if the master plan is implemented? Are there potential impacts that are not adequately explained? If so, how should they be described?

I do not see any bad effects of allowing motorcycles

ALTERNATIVES

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There is a need for having "motorcycling off road." A place to enjoy that activity, all others have their places.

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Why certain under served groups RRP being left out.

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14. Do you anticipate visiting the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area over the next 2 or 3 years?

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

15. If "Yes" in which of the following recreation activities are you likely to participate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking or walking                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photography                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreational biking                | <input type="checkbox"/> General sightseeing                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile driving                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing or snowshoeing     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pheasant                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dual-sport motorcycle riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocketry                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small game                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> "Fat tire" bike riding                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Dual Sport Motorcycle</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Running or conditioning                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird and other wildlife watching              | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                             |
- Riding Trails Park

16. If "No" which of the following might be reasons for not visiting? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No interest  | <input type="checkbox"/> I am concerned about safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I intend to wait until more recreation opportunities are available | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't live in the area    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't participate in the activities that are proposed here       | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

17. What recreation opportunities should the DNR and partners focus on providing in the next 3 years?

BEE Road + Dual Sport motorcycle Communities  
area under service. This would be a good start.

## FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

This old Industrial Site has room to  
give the BEE Road Motorcycle Enthusiast. A place  
to call their own. Right now there is no  
place. This could give "them" a place.

Zip code of primary residence: 54304 Name (Optional\*): \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you!

## Sauk Prairie Recreation Area Master Plan Feedback

### User Information

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#### 1. recreation mix

There should be more recreation activities

Which activities should be added?

horse-drawn vehicles the same availability as horseback riding, no separate times or trails

Which activities should be removed?

#### 2. recreation amount

There should be more opportunities for some activities

For which activities should there be more opportunities?

horse-drawn vehicles, same as for horseback riding

For which activities should there be fewer opportunities?

#### 3. general recreation

From years of experience with both riding and driving horses, it makes no sense to limit driving opportunities. Both activities co-exist well, and have done so at all other state sites where topography allows. Just this summer, I have driven the horse trails at Governor Dodge State Park and Bong State Recreation Area, as well as county parks. These are all lightly improved trails. Many drivers are former riders who physically are more comfortable driving.

#### 4. habitat mix

The mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed is about right

Which habitats should have more emphasis?

Which habitats should have less emphasis?

**5. management techniques**

The mix management techniques proposed is about right

Which habitat techniques should have more emphasis?

Which habitat techniques should have less emphasis?

**6. general habitat**

*[No Answer Entered]*

**7. cultural**

*[No Answer Entered]*

Which cultural and historic interpretive opportunities should have less emphasis?

Which cultural and historic interpretive opportunities should have more emphasis?

**8. general cultural**

Historically, horses were involved in the development of the site as farmland in the 19th and early 20th centuries, and particularly as the power for farm equipment and the transporting of residents to church, shopping, visiting, most often with driven vehicles. The other time periods (Native American, Power Plant development) would also be of interest.

**9. impacts**

*[No Answer Entered]*

**10. alternatives**

*[No Answer Entered]*

**11. balance**

about the right balance between conservation and recreation

**12. overall**

[No Answer Entered]

**13. confusing**

[No Answer Entered]

**14. visit**

Yes

**15. will visit**

*Other, please specify:* driving my horse-drawn vehicle, if not restricted to 2 weekends

What other animals would you hunt?

**16. not visit**

*Other, please specify:* [No Answer Entered]

**17. next recreation**

Equal availability to existing trails for both ridden and driven horses. Developing a parking area to accommodate more than 10 horse trailers.

**18. final comments**

There are currently 4 recreational driving clubs in WI, each of which is capable of having enough interested members whose horse trailers would fill a 10 trailer capacity parking lot. Limiting horse-drawn vehicles to 2 weekends a year would deny many drivers of the opportunity to try driving at Sauk Prairie. A good portion of drivers can no longer ride, but can definitely drive, even competitively. Most are used to sharing trails with riders, and vice a versa. Driving is the favorite recreation of many, including myself. In fact, I look forward to attending the National Drive, near Lexington, KY, at the Kentucky Horse Park, in just over a week, along with a sizable contingent from WI. We rely on driving wherever we can here in WI to get ourselves and our horses in shape for the week of driving there, and for competing at various shows and events here in WI. We are invited to provide atmosphere, driving in period costume at Old World WI, and have participated in the Sporting Day of Traditional Driving at the Wade House, thus trying to keep the public aware of how folks got around before the automobile.

**19. zip code**

53150

**20.** name

53150

**Sauk Prairie Recreation Area Master Plan Feedback**

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**1. recreation mix**

There should be fewer recreation activities

Which activities should be added?

More hiking, picknicking, primitive camping, bicycling. Bike trail to connect Baraboo to the Hwy 12 bike path to Madison.

Which activities should be removed?

Motorcycles, rocketry, ATVs, shooting range, helicopters, dog training, Drones-- anything loud or disruptive to wildlife & nesting birds. There are numerous species of special concern who live on the Sauk Prairie land!

**2. recreation amount**

There should be fewer opportunities for some activities

For which activities should there be more opportunities?

hiking, bicycling

For which activities should there be fewer opportunities?

Motorcycles, rocketry, shooting range, snowmobiles, dog training-- anything loud or disruptive to wildlife. Restrict equestrian activities to areas where horse impacts will not jeopardize native habitats-- Horse manure introduces seeds of invasive specie

**3. general recreation**

People enjoy the area for its vast open spaces and quiet, which is something not often experienced! Leverage those qualities and keep the activities to be consistent with the Badger Reuse Plan: Conservation, Education, Restoration, and Agriculture. Keep snowmobiles to the perimeter only. Fewer developed trails and more primitive trails to optimize visitors experiencing the wildlife habitat.

**4. habitat mix**

Some habitats should have more emphasis

Which habitats should have more emphasis?

Native community management needs to represent about 60-70% of the space

Which habitats should have less emphasis?

Recreation! Currently recreation has a disproportionately high emphasis relative to conservation.

**5. management techniques**

Less emphasis should be placed on some management techniques

Which habitat techniques should have more emphasis?

Burning, grazing, goats, and other methods to reduce the impact of invasive species

Which habitat techniques should have less emphasis?

DO not remove the reservoirs w salamanders. Maintain the current fencing if you are concerned about safety. Easy.

**6. general habitat**

Wisconsin is an incubator for conservation & restoration education-- people come to the Baraboo and Madison areas to learn these skills including ways that agriculture integrates with conservation & restoration practices. Wisconsin still has some of the foremost experts in the world! Badger is a learning lab and can continue to serve this purpose if the good restoration initiatives can be emphasized and if we invest in that.

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**7. cultural**

More emphasis should be placed on other cultural and historic interpretive opportunities

Which cultural and historic interpretive opportunities should have less emphasis?

Which cultural and historic interpretive opportunities should have more emphasis?

Your interpretive opportunities should include more about the Native People who were here before Europeans

**8. general cultural**

It is critical to coordinate with fellow owners including the Ho Chunk Nation, as well as community organizations like the Badger History Group and the Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance, in developing the interpretive materials! There is All kinds of knowledge and expertise to ensure Badger continues to be rich & valuable educational resource.

**9. impacts**

Noise impacts need to be examined including decibels over a measured distance that shooting ranges, rockets, motorcycles, etc, can negatively impact wildlife, and the visitor experience to the Sauk Prairie. There is research about how noise impacts reduce nesting bird populations. Air quality impacts need to be measured and numbers presented: of two cycle motors, and other proposed uses that consume fossil-fuels. The "analysis" on p 114 is not analytical, it is cursory and dismissive.

Horse traffic and mountain biking destroys trails making them unsuitable for walkers; Horse manure also introduces invasive species which should be documented.

The final plan should include a well-defined budget that clearly demonstrates priority activities, staffing needs, infrastructure and a timetable for implementation. Arguably, as WDNR has identified, extensive restoration work needs to be implemented in a short time span to begin to address the encroachment of aggressive invasive shrubs into grassland habitat. This should be given high priority, even before recreation infrastructure is put in place. The budget and timeline should reflect this priority.

Develop a clear and thoughtful new section of the Plan that addresses areas of collaboration with the other landowners at Badger, thereby treating all 7,400 acres as a property of the whole. This narrative and plan should include property-wide planning of infrastructure (roads, trails, visitor center, interpretation sites, etc.), ecological restoration, scientific and historical research, and education, among other shared themes and interests.

**10. alternatives**

#C4. The Sauk Prairie should be principally a Habitat Management Area with a lesser emphasis on recreation.

C7. Maintain the reservoirs with the salamanders with fence in place & limited access for educational purposes.

D1. No dog trialing please! They are disruptive to birds and wildlife.

D2. Please pursue an expanded visitors center with educational opportunities

E1. I think there should be State Natural Areas to recognize & protect species and habitats of

E5. Keep the salamanders as they are- they are not hurting anybody!

**11. balance**

far too much emphasis on recreation

**12. overall**

Sauk Prairie is a vast quiet place which is what makes it special for visitors, and wonderful for wildlife. - I don't think that quality will be retained unless we emphasize conservation & restoration as the primary focus and recreation as a subordinate use.

**13. confusing**

The final plan should include a well-defined budget that clearly demonstrates priority activities, staffing needs, infrastructure and a timetable for implementation. Arguably, as WDNR has identified, extensive restoration work needs to be implemented in a short time span to begin to address the encroachment of aggressive invasive shrubs into grassland habitat. This should be given high priority, even before recreation infrastructure is put in place. The budget and timeline should reflect this priority

Likewise I am not clear on how you intend to coordinate with other neighboring owners. Develop a clear and thoughtful new section of the Plan that addresses areas of collaboration with the other landowners at Badger, thereby treating all 7,400 acres as a property of the whole. This narrative and plan should include property-wide planning of infrastructure (roads, trails, visitor center, interpretation sites, etc.), ecological restoration, scientific and historical research, and education,

among other shared themes and interests

Many of the environmental and other impacts are not or given due attention with quantified, measured impacts

**14. visit**

Yes

**15. will visit**

*Other, please specify:* visiting historical homesteads ,apple trees, other historical sites

bird and other wildlife watching

photography

general siteseeing

cross-country sking or snowshoeing

What other animals would you hunt?

**16. not visit**

*Other, please specify:*[No Answer Entered]

**17. next recreation**

Connect the Bike trail from Baraboo to Hwy 12

A few picnic tables

Wayfinding signage! so that people can walk on the old roads even if there is no trail

**18. final comments**

I used to live in Baraboo and worked on restoration & conservation. I know the Badger property well- it was part of my research when I was a student at UW in the Institute for Environmental Studies. I have volunteered many times, many hours, on the restoration projects at Badger and I have a strong sense of the high need for invasive species management to protect the habitat value of the Sauk Prairie. I also know the value of a conservation project of this SIZE -People have worked to protect the land because of its size. It is rare to have the opportunity to provide undisturbed space for conservation. Please don't disrupt it with incompatible recreation activities.

**19. zip code**

40204

**20. name**

40204

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**PUBLIC INPUT** on the draft master plan and environmental impact statement for:

## SAUK PRAIRIE RECREATION AREA

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### FEEDBACK ON SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN.

#### RECREATION

(see the summary on pages 17-29 of the draft master plan for more information).

1. Regarding the proposed mix of recreation activities, I think:

The mix of recreation activities proposed is appropriate.

The following recreation activities should be added: Dedicated off-highway motorcycle trail. Trials

The following recreation activities should be removed: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:

The amount of recreation opportunities proposed is about right.

There should be more opportunities for these activities: Off-highway motorcycle riding and trials

There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_

3. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational

There are at least a dozen other parks in this area where people can already enjoy nearly all of the recreational activities proposed for this property. None of those parks offer the opportunity for the very underserved recreational interests of off-highway and trials motorcycling. If facilities can't be dedicated for exclusive off-highway motorcycle riding, then as a minimum we must be given the opportunity to repurpose other trails so that we at least get some opportunity to ride.

#### HABITAT MANAGEMENT

(see the summary on pages 30-45 of the draft master plan for more information).

4. Regarding the mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed, I think:

The mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed is appropriate.

More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Regarding the mix of management techniques proposed to be used, I think:

The mix of management techniques proposed is appropriate.

More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

These management techniques should not be used: \_\_\_\_\_

6. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed restoration and management of habitats? What are your thoughts regarding the proposed habitat management techniques?

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\_\_\_\_\_

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES**

(see the summary or pages 80-83 of the draft master plan for information).

7. Regarding the cultural and historic interpretive opportunities proposed, I think:

- The mix of proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities is appropriate.
- More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities? What do you think visitors will be most interested in learning about the property?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**POTENTIAL OUTCOMES**

(see the summary or pages 113-127 of the draft master plan for more information).

9. Environmental, ecological, and economic benefits may occur if the proposed master plan is implemented (e.g., larger populations of rare grassland and savanna birds, more recreational opportunities for nearby residents and visitors, and increased economic activity in the region). In addition, some adverse outcomes may result (e.g., the cost to restore habitats and construct recreation facilities, smoke from the use of prescribed fire to control invasive species, and increased traffic on local roads from visitors).

What are your thoughts on the description of potential effects that may result if the master plan is implemented? Are there potential impacts that are not adequately explained? If so, how should they be described?

I see no significant adverse environmental effects from the proposal for off-highway motorcycling.

**ALTERNATIVES**

(see the summary or pages 129-138 of the draft master plan for more information).

10. Different options to achieve the habitat and recreation goals for the property were evaluated. What are your thoughts on the alternatives evaluated but not included in the final draft? Are there alternatives not selected that should be included in the proposed management plan? If so, which ones and why?

Off-highway motorcycling is being left out again while we continue to add the "standard" recreational opportunities to this property that are already available in many other properties in the area. Instead of allowing motorized recreation to be "shouted down" by a few loud voices, it is much fairer to look at overall statewide needs and balance the opportunities offered to better align with those needs.

**FEED**

11. In developing the draft master plan, the DNR sought to balance recreation experiences (including education and interpretation of the property) and the conservation of native habitats at Sauk Prairie Recreation Area. How do you view the balance between recreation and conservation in the proposed master plan?

- Far too much emphasis on recreation
- Somewhat too much emphasis on recreation
- About the right balance between conservation and recreation
- Somewhat too much emphasis on conservation
- Far too much emphasis on conservation

12. What are your overall thoughts on the draft master plan?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. There are many aspects to this proposed master plan. Although the Department attempted to describe the proposed recreational use and habitat management clearly, there may be portions that are confusing or unclear. What parts of the master plan are confusing, missing, or need further explanation? What questions do you have?

The plan is defective in that it does not account for the fact that many of the opportunities being included are already provided nearby to this property. A dedicated opportunity for motorized recreation, which is NOT available on the nearby properties, was discarded for the wrong reasons.

## VISITING SAUK PRAIRIE RECREATION AREA.

Although SPRA opened to the public in April 2015, the property will be in a transition phase for many years to come. Other than trails on some of the former roads, currently there are no amenities for visitors. The Department will initially focus its limited staff and funds on continuing to clean up rubble and debris, filling the worst of the potholes, placing boundary signs, and conducting other tasks to ensure that visitors have a safe experience.

14. Do you anticipate visiting the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area over the next 2 or 3 years?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

15. If "Yes" in which of the following recreation activities are you likely to participate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking or walking                | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational biking              | <input type="checkbox"/> General sightseeing                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile driving                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing or snowshoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pheasant                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dual-sport motorcycle riding        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Rocketry                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small game                       | <input type="checkbox"/> "Fat tire" bike riding              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Running or conditioning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trapping                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird and other wildlife watching | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                         |

16. If "No" which of the following might be reasons for not visiting? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> No interest  | <input type="checkbox"/> I am concerned about safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I intend to wait until more recreation opportunities are available | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't live in the area    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I don't participate in the activities that are proposed here       | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know                  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

17. What recreation opportunities should the DNR and partners focus on providing in the next 3 years?

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## FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

It is important to develop opportunities for dual sport motorcycling as soon as possible since this interest is underserved regionally.

Zip code of primary residence: \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Optional\*): ed sinner

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Thank you!

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  - The following recreation activities should be removed: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Regarding the proposed amount of opportunities for different recreation activities, I think:
  - The amount of recreation opportunities proposed is about right.
  - There should be more opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_
  - There should be fewer opportunities for these activities: \_\_\_\_\_
3. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed recreation activities? How could the proposed recreational experiences be improved?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### HABITAT MANAGEMENT

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4. Regarding the mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed, I think:
  - The mix of habitats proposed to be restored and managed is appropriate.
  - More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Regarding the mix of management techniques proposed to be used, I think:
  - The mix of management techniques proposed is appropriate.
  - More emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Less emphasis should be placed on: \_\_\_\_\_
  - These management techniques should not be used: \_\_\_\_\_
6. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed restoration and management of habitats? What are your thoughts regarding the proposed habitat management techniques?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CULTURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES** (see the summary or pages 80-83 of the draft master plan for information).

7. Regarding the cultural and historic interpretive opportunities proposed, I think:

The mix of proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities is appropriate.

More emphasis should be placed on: Agriculture

Less emphasis should be placed on: Recreation/Habitat Management

8. What other comments do you have regarding the proposed cultural and historic interpretive opportunities? What do you think visitors will be most interested in learning about the property?

**POTENTIAL OUTCOMES** (see the summary or pages 113-127 of the draft master plan for more information).

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1. Locate Sauk County Fairgrounds on this property

2. Locate Dairy Progress & Farm Progress on this property

Too much land is being lost to accomplish these functions. Land is available!

**FEEDBACK ON THE OVERALL DRAFT MASTER PLAN.**

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- Somewhat too much emphasis on conservation
- Far too much emphasis on conservation

12. What are your overall thoughts on the draft master plan?

Selections do not keep taxpayer in mind. (Will cost taxpayer additional to maintain Sauk Prairie's Recreational Area)

13. There are many aspects to this proposed master plan. Although the Department attempted to describe the proposed recreational use and habitat management clearly, there may be portions that are confusing or unclear. What parts of the master plan are confusing, missing, or need further explanation? What questions do you have?

## VISITING SAUK PRAIRIE RECREATION AREA.

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- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

15. If "Yes" in which of the following recreation activities are you likely to participate? (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

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|---|--|
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|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |

17. What recreation opportunities should the DNR and partners focus on providing in the next 3 years?

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## FINAL THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

18. What additional thoughts or comments would you like to share?

Get more input from residents who lost their homes/livelihood  
to Badger Ordinance Plant.

Zip code of primary residence: 53576 Name (Optional\*): Raymond E. Bolton

Resident of Prairie du Sac

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Thank you!