Outdoor Recreation Emphasis:

the limited amount of Area that would be given to anything but Preservation (60 out of 7300 that not right)

Do you think the range of alternatives is complete? Are there things we have missed or overlooked?

Do you have any other comments or concerns you would like the planning team to take into consideration?

The groups that support Preservation are well funded, and very well organized. That has given them the ability to run over everyone else. (The Silent Majority) This started 14 years ago and still is going On. This is for all the folks that want to use it. Not just the Preservation minded!

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Suggestions

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The name "Sauk Prairie Recreation Area" means, in my opinion, that it is specifically setup as an area that is open for various people, groups etc. to spend time enjoying their particular form of recreation in whatever that form is. (Safely)

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Recreation
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Suggestions
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AROA Needs to be As As diverse As possible as not to Alienate various opportunities due to local politics ie Shooting range, ATV courses, RC Flying, model Rockets etc etc.

This AROA belongs to All, not just local citizens.

Cultural Resource Preservation
Identify and preserve significant sites that contribute to the property's storyline from geological history, Native American life, Euro-American settlement, and the design, operation and decommissioning of the Badger Army Ammunitions Plant.

Suggestions
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Location points of interest, historical markers, history trail, past to present

Education and Interpretation
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Suggestions
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What do you like about each alternative?

No Action Alternative:

nothing would be a waste of the resource!!

Ecological Restoration Emphasis:

does not provide enough opportunities!

Outdoor Recreation Emphasis:

would be the best choice to balance all needs and open up most opportunities for most people.

Are there elements of the alternatives that concern you? Please explain.

No Action Alternative:

whole plan

Ecological Restoration Emphasis:

whole plan is too narrow focused!

Outdoor Recreation Emphasis:

Do you think the range of alternatives is complete? Are there things we have missed or overlooked?

I think that if properly constructed and done correctly that the shooting Range could have A rather significant economic impact. Look at other states that offer 3 Gun, long range shooty competitions.

Do you have any other comments or concerns you would like the planning team to take into consideration?

We need An Area to draw in more people to spend time enjoying the outdoors. We don't need to send them "up north" to go on ATV / Snowmobile trails or to unsupervised safe shooting ranges that are far away.

Wisconsins #1 industry is Tourism. Let's keep em' there!

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Suggestions

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We need to follow the recommendations laid out in alternative 4. It is a very thorough series of recommendations that has been created by many thoughtful people.

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Suggestions

Please provide suggestions on how you think we can better address this use and other recommendations related to this issue.

I think if we want to retain bird species as well as a desirable habitat for other animals we cannot have the noise generated by ATVs and a shooting range.

Recreation

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Suggestions

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I have a problem with the term "regional needs". I think the implication is that we need to provide trails for ATVs and I don't think we need to. When people purchase these vehicles they should think about where to drive them instead of complaining someone should provide trails for them.

Also in my opinion there are plenty of shooting ranges in the area and we don't need to provide more.

Cultural Resource Preservation
Identify and preserve significant sites that contribute to the property's storyline from geological history, Native American life, Euro-American settlement, and the design, operation and decommissioning of the Badger Army Ammunitions Plant.

Suggestions
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I would think its important to involve Native Americans in all decisions, as well as other knowledgable people.

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Suggestions
Please provide suggestions on how you think we can better address this use and other recommendations related to this issue.
Making the connection to the schools so there are several educational opportunities available.

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What do you like about each alternative?

No Action Alternative: Nothing would be done to ruin the land and it would be a good place to ski.

Ecological Restoration Emphasis: It would be good for wildlife especially birds. I like the idea of an outdoor classroom. Grasslands, wetlands + shrubbery would be restored.

Outdoor Recreation Emphasis: I like the hiking and biking opportunities. The trail system would be wonderful.

Are there elements of the alternatives that concern you? Please explain.

No Action Alternative: I would be concerned that grasslands, wetlands + shrubland wouldn't be restored.

Ecological Restoration Emphasis: nothing concerns me about these plans

Outdoor Recreation Emphasis: I am very concerned about the motorized recreation opportunities and the shooting range opportunities.

The main concern I have that these activities are very noisy. The noise levels would "take over" the park. They would be annoying to people and frightening to the animals. Horses are not animals that tolerate guns, and birds would be frightened away. A few people riding ATVs or snowmobiles or shooting make way more noise than someone hiking, cross country skiing or even horseback riding.

Do you think the range of alternatives is complete? Are there things we have missed or overlooked?

NO - they are not complete. You have overlooked Alternative 4 which is a conservation / low impact recreation emphasis.

Do you have any other comments or concerns you would like the planning team to take into consideration?

I don't understand why you haven't followed the things presented in Alternative 4. There were 21 representatives who put this together and they were a very good cross section of the population. This agreement represented compromises from all the parties involved. I don't understand why this has been ignored.

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I am very concern about how easy it would be for ATV's to bring in ~~endangered~~ invasive species to the heart of the property.

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Suggestions
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Anything that brings noise pollution should be eliminated.

DRAFT Conceptual Alternatives: Outdoor Recreation Emphasis

Under this management alternative, the primary purpose is getting users onto the property. Visitors would be offered a variety of outdoor recreational experiences while providing interpretive and educational opportunities related to the property's history and restoration efforts. The visitor experience will include a higher level of development and accessibility. Opportunities for NBOAs (hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, and cross country skiing) will be provided as well as opportunities for biking, horseback riding, motorized use and a shooting range.

This management concept would be implemented by:

- Restoring tracts of grassland and shrubland with compatible low-impact recreation trails
- Developing parking, picnic areas, and viewing areas in the Expanded Recreational Zone
- Developing a fishing pier, canoe/carry-in boat access, and picnic area at Lake Wisconsin parcel
- Selectively siting and constructing (through community partnerships) a new visitor center with interpretation and education opportunities; the center could also serve as a trailhead facility near the railroad corridor, which will serve as a designated recreation corridor in the future
- Identifying and improving primary auto access routes through the property; and abandoning roads no longer needed
- Providing extensive, developed trails across property that complement the topography and resource management
- Providing hiking and biking opportunities into Devils Lake State Park via Burma Road
- Providing motorized recreation opportunities in the Special Use Zone
- Providing shooting range opportunities in the Special Use Zone
- Providing facilities such as a classroom, parking area, staging area, wash station, bathroom and water area in the Special Use Zone
- Providing interpretation and education opportunities about this property's location at the juncture of major landforms, acknowledgement of Ho-Chunk Nation and Euro-American histories and displacements, and the design, operation and decommissioning of the Badger Army Ammunitions Plant.
- Selectively siting and constructing auto and trail access to better route visitors past interpretive displays highlighting both natural and cultural points of interest
- Preserving and enhancing key vistas through vegetation management
- Providing vehicle access to the property to improve user access to more educational, research and recreational opportunities

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What do you like about each alternative?

No Action Alternative:

The plant and animal life; especially endangered species would be impacted the least.

Ecological Restoration Emphasis:

I like restoration of grassland + shrub environment and more low-impact use recreational

Outdoor Recreation Emphasis:

I'm O.K with most items as alone especially education opportunities of history

the insertion of Guns + ATV's Noise pollution is against every other point

Are there elements of the alternatives that concern you? Please explain.

No Action Alternative: Not enough visitor opportunities

Not enough restoration of species

outdoor Rec.

~~Ecological Restoration Emphasis:~~ Noise pollution - guns + ATVs to close to 3-4 - housing developments Noise across water magnified ATV's bringing in invasive species - they will not leave!

to little supervision guns + ATV's disruption of species in a very large area.

Outdoor Recreation Emphasis:

Wrote in wrong area

See before notes

1. Noise pollution in a natural area
2. Invasion of invasive species
3. Litter perpetuation
4. danger of irresponsibility of guns in rec. area.
5. destruction of native species in a very large area & adjoining areas.

Do you think the range of alternatives is complete? Are there things we have missed or overlooked?

I am interested in the new # of alternatives. It allows more recreation without noise pollution. I think biking and horseback riding would qualify.

Do you have any other comments or concerns you would like the planning team to take into consideration?

I have not spoken to anyone who is in favor of guns + ATV's though I know they are out there. Most of us are looking forward to a serene environment.

These noise producers are near water which magnifies the noise pollution.

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I would like to see parallel trails developed - a hard surface for bicycles, roller blades, skiing and running/walking. a dirt trail for horses and maintenance vehicles.

A firing range should have a separate entrance from HWY 78 at an extreme removed point from the area center.

I believe the entire area should be free of motorized vehicles. This is one small area of our nation that is close to a large population whose people would be able to see an area recover over the years to a condition close to it's natural state. Motors disturb birds and animals with noise and pollution. Motorized vehicles along with sugar and fat are causing our people to become lazy and unhealthy. Motorized speed and loud noise are becoming the natural recreation for too many people who shun movement that requires physical effort. ~~without~~

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Ecological Restoration Emphasis:

Outdoor Recreation Emphasis: I like that this offers ATV use It would be good for training of kids and family use. This also gives older persons an opportunity to enjoy the views of the praire

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No Action Alternative:

Ecological Restoration Emphasis:

Outdoor Recreation Emphasis:

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I would like to see the road to the top of the hill opened up to ATVs so more people have an opportunity to capture the views of the river and prairie.

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