

## Columbia County Range Development Survey

	Dekorra Public Hunting Grounds	Mud Lake State Wildlife Area	About Equal
<b>1.</b>			
<b>Cause less disruption to neighbors?</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Cause less disruption to other users of the DNR property?</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Provide a better experience for shooters?</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Have more economic benefits to the local area?</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>

**2.**  
Overall I prefer that the shooting range be constructed at:

Dekorra	Mud Lake	No Preference either way	Unsure	Neither site meets my approval
<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>

**3.**  
Please provide any other comments you'd like the DNR and the ad hoc committee to consider.

1. Noise is always a big consideration. The 24/7 noise generated by the interstate would help muffle periodic noise of firearms. The terrain at Dekorra would also serve as a natural buffer. Add sound buffering to the handgun shooting stations please.
2. Noise from the interstate is always present. It is a great sound cover for the range. Town of Lowville has no group/community that can help with local monitoring. Few town of Lowville residents know about this possibility.

3. More ranges everywhere.
4. Great! Glad to see something being done for the shooter and hunter. If you need volunteers to man the range please call my wife and I.
5. I would prefer the Pine Island site rather than the Dekorra or Mud Lake.  
Reasons: Interstate noise on the west side-Wis. River on the east side-no noticeable homes in the near area-the idea of interfering with archeological issues can be averted. Fill would have to be brought in, but money is available for that. And finally there is a road already there and commercial amenities very close in and around Portage.
6. Glad this is finally coming-much safer than setting up on own land/public land and shooting as you will. Hope how soon it will be completed so we can use it. Thanks to you all.
7. Other sites available for range meaning private one located off Smith road either way you're paying to shoot. Noise you can hear shoots from across interstate, bought this property to hunt public land both deer and turkey will destroy this hunting land. Many people enjoy walking, snow shoeing, cross country skiing during off hunting seasons. Too much housing around proposed area. I see parents taking nature hikes with kids through this land, decrease in property values.
8. Prohibit target shooting on all other Columbia County lands, can't we spend the tax dollars on more conversation minded projects? Please consider the decommissioned Badger Army Depot instead of either of these locations.
9. The DNR will have to police any range that comes in!!! This will become a big headache for the DNR if they treat it the way it needs to be treated. The state should end shooting on public land except during hunting season in the county of Columbia in exchange for any shooting range. Lowville has no businesses that will be supported by a public shooting range. Also the Lowville site comes off a town road while the Dekorra site is on a county road. Lowville will take the whole brunt of road work while Dekorra will have county support. Lowville is also a dry town; if the DNR is looking to host parties on the Lowville site they will not be able to serve alcohol. Perhaps it would be best if people who buy guns also pay for a membership in a private gun club and not ask the public to pay for their hobbies.
10. Columbia County does not need a state shooting range.
11. What about Badger Ordinance 7000 plus acres w/improvements?
12. Both sites would work I know them both. There is a large gravel pit in Columbia County on County P or G that is for sale. The owner is a motivated seller. It may be something to look at. I can provide more information.
13. A gun range would be good.
14. DNR proposes to impose a shooting range on Columbia County residents. That should not be allowed unless DNR commits to closing all other DNR lands in the County to target shooting.
15. Too many homes near Dekorra site.
16. The Interstate-wayside traffic-traffic on Hwy V-the treatment plant-Wis. River boaters and fisherman to say nothing of the population of the Dekorra area site means thinking of the Dekorra site is the wrong place for such a

range. The town just implemented a safety ordinance for target shooting. Now a target range is not the way to go. The suppression tubes would block the sight of others; also shooting that could be very dangerous if someone walked in front to check their target while someone else is aiming.

17. No range until other DNR properties has no shooting except hunting season.
18. Too noisy & dangerous in the Debora site given the number of residents adjacent to the site.
19. Dekorra has 75 residents within circle vs. Mud Lake of two. Less impact to area residents to have this at Mud Lake. Debora has historic sites of trails and people and sand pits used by historic peoples. Peter Helland is a better site-if a person wants to shoot a few more miles does not matter.
20. The first thing you should be looking at is the number of homes in the area! You can't keep all the noise to a minimum! It's simply wrong to put this in a residential area. The people on the Ad-Hoc committee should be ashamed of themselves for even starting to narrow the sites to include Dekorra. I'm all for a range in Columbia County but if you can't find one suitable site out of the ones you have looked at then you better look for other sites instead of raming it down our throats. You should also consider a 300 hundred yard rifle.
21. Noise will affect quality of life for residents.
22. Please consider the number of homes in the Dekorra area. We have children and grandchildren. We walk in that area and are afraid of stray bullets. Hwy V is not designed for the increase in traffic. Parking space is insufficient. With 60-70 structures in the immediate area vs. two in Mud Lake, the interstate and waste water treatment plant facility very close by, I don't see the Dekorra site as being the best choice.
23. Less likely to cause an accidental shooting if on Mud lake State Property as if a hunting season hunter could possibly be hurt due to an accidental discharge by someone on the Dekorra public hunting grounds during hunting season.
24. Very, Very poor idea, words cannot express that this should not have been even considered.
25. My thoughts regarding the shooting range in Mud Lake is that I live very close to the site. I am concerned about the noise. I live less than ¼ mile as the crow flies and my farmland is even closer.