

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

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

**Year Master Plan was Approved:** 2007

**Property-wide**

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Recreation Mgt.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide opportunities for hunting, wildlife viewing, and trapping. Secondly, provide opportunities for hiking, skiing, nature study, and berry picking.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2013</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Established hiking trails were maintained on Buckhorn WA and are part of the greater Buckhorn State Park trail system.</i></li> </ul>

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

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Vegetation Mgt.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Restore and maintain approximately 930 acres of ecologically functioning oak-pine barrens native community with a moderately-open structure and scattered older jack pine.</li><li>• Provide opportunities for research, education, and ecological interpretation.</li></ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2013</b></p>	<p><i>Bullet 1 - addressed by continued monitoring of invasives and wood cutting permits which address fuels and newly downed trees in the 58 acre barrens development project started in 2009. We hope to soon institute its first prescribed burn possibly in 2014.</i></p> <p><i>-41 acre "South Loony" timbersale established</i></p> <p><i>Bullet 2 - the annual novice deer hunt which takes place on the wildlife area and adjacent state park is no longer taking place for the foreseeable future.</i></p>

## Yellow River Oxbows Native Community Management Area

<p><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p>Vegetation Mgt.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintain approximately 770 acres of ecologically functioning floodplain forest native community.</li><li>• Manage a 10-acre pine plantation west of the river by thinning towards a forest community dominated by scattered, larger, biologically mature trees.</li><li>• Maintain jack pine where it occurs on the upland sites east of the river.</li><li>• Provide opportunities for research, education, and ecological interpretation.</li></ul>
<p><b>Accomplishments 2013</b></p>	<p><i>Bullet 1 - accomplished through passive management</i> <i>Bullet 2 - no action this year</i> <i>Bullet 3 - accomplished in 2009</i> <i>Bullet 4 - no action this year</i></p>

## Yellow River Bay Native Community Management Area

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MASTER PLAN OBJECTIVES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vegetation Mgt.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain approximately 100 acres of ecologically functioning floodplain forest native community.</li> <li>• Convert approximately 80 acres of pine plantation east of the river to a natural appearing, pine forest dominated by scattered, larger, biologically mature trees.</li> <li>• Maintain approximately 11 acres of jack pine and 156 acres of jack pine/oak.</li> <li>• In the area located south of the Yellow River Oxbows State Natural Area and on the west side of the lake, north of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street (an area of heavy oak wilt and mature jack pine), maintain oak and pine cover and convert a portion of the area to barrens according to local site conditions. Improved wildlife habitat would be a primary purpose of this segment.</li> <li>• Provide opportunities for research, education, and ecological interpretation throughout the Yellow River Bay Management Area.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Accomplishments 2013</b></p>	<p><i>Bullet 1 - handled through passive management</i></p> <p><i>Bullet 2 - This timber sale is completed</i></p> <p><i>Bullet 3 - was addressed in the 09-10 cut and is additionally being addressed through the just finished timber sale that is also working on the pine plantations</i></p> <p><i>Bullet 4 - This timber sale is completed</i></p> <p><i>Bullet 5 - no action in 2013</i></p>