

To Diane Brunsol,

I hope you keep an open mind and consider alternative 3 as an option in the Badger plan.

I feel there are lots of people that would enjoy a shooting range and the old ammo plant is a perfect place to construct a safe range. I feel with all the land in the area like nature conservancy, state parks, county land etc., that this is the one area to help the shooting sports and ATV users.

Thank you

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Dear Diane,

I strongly oppose the proposal for motorized vehicles (ATVs) and a shooting range at the Badger Army Ammunition Plant.

Let's bring the Prairie back & let it be for wildlife habitat & low impact recreation such as hiking & biking & walking & enjoying nature.

I hope that Alternative 4 can be implemented as all can enjoy it.

Thank you



Specific Activities & Uses Consistent with Conservation and Low Impact Recreation.

- Implement plan elements specified in the Badger Reuse Plan;
- Restore large, unfragmented tracts of grassland, wetland and shrubland (Habitat Management Zone)* to support native and migratory birds and wildlife;
- Restore remnants of native natural communities and the species they support (Native Community Management Zone)*; limit access to pedestrian use;
- Provide low-impact porous non-paved recreation trails that complement the topography and resource management;
- Preserve and enhance key vistas through vegetation management;
- Selectively site and construct (through community partnerships) a new visitor center with interpretation and educational opportunities;
- Provide interpretation and education opportunities about this property's history and geographic location, acknowledge Ho-Chunk Nation history and Euro-American histories and displacements, and the design, operation and decommissioning of the Badger Army Ammunitions Plant;
- Provide facilities such as a classroom, parking area, staging area, wash station and bathrooms near the Visitor's Center in the Habitat Restoration Zone;
- Identify and improve primary auto access roads through the property and deconstruct roads no longer needed. Limit vehicle access;
- Provide interpretation and education opportunities for schools and universities;
- Use volunteers to promote community participation in education and to help restore natural communities;
- Provide outdoor research opportunities for ecologists, scientists and students;
- Develop parking, picnic areas and viewing areas in the Expanded Recreational Zone* and to a lesser degree in the Habitat Restoration Zone*;
- Develop a fishing pier, canoe/carry-in boat access, and picnic area at the Lake Wisconsin parcel;
- Provide a multiple use trail connecting the Sauk Prairie area, Merrimac area, and Devil's Lake State Park via Burma road consisting of hiking and biking and a seasonal snowmobile trail on an agreed upon route;
- Designate parcel "M" and "M1" as a Habitat Restoration Zone*;
- Remove any unwanted infrastructure, buildings or debris that remains on the property, with the exception of infrastructure that may provide bat habitat and support bat research.

Notes (*): The use of the term "Zone(s)" above is to maintain compatibility with language in other DNR proposed alternatives; BOMC members feel this term in most cases is too restrictive and exclusive for Badger lands which often have characteristics of one or more zone types in one area. Exclusive use zones may conflict with the first Value of the Badger Reuse Plan: to manage Badger as a whole.

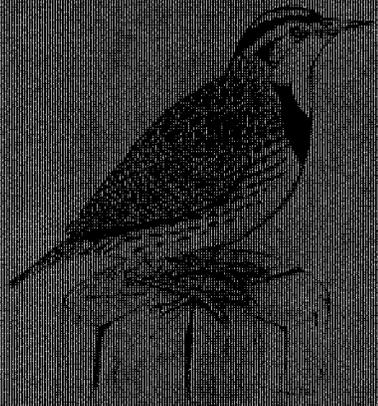
Conservation/Low Impact Recreation Emphasis

Recommendation on Sauk Prairie Recreation Area Draft Conceptual Land Use Alternatives

Comment inside

ALTERNATIVE

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Badger Oversight Management Commission

Preliminary Vision Statement:

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...tributes important areas of grasslands needed to reconstruct and experience a natural mosaic of prairie-savanna-woodland wetlands at a landscape scale. Directly adjacent to Devil's Lake State Park, it serves as a critical and unique ecological transition from the Baraboo Hills to the Wisconsin River, and creates a corridor that enhances and complements conservation and appropriate low-impact recreational opportunities. The site's significant history is incorporated into the management and interpretation of the natural, agricultural, historical and cultural resources.

It will be especially beautiful in the fall. The air smells so fresh!

Just have a photo stop, and nest stop. Will be especially beautiful in the fall. The air smells so fresh!

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Siaine Bruscoe
Dept of Natural Resources

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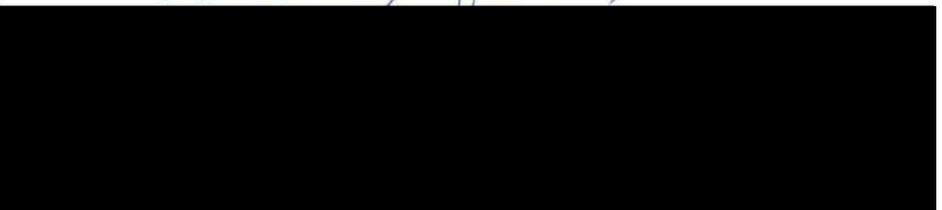
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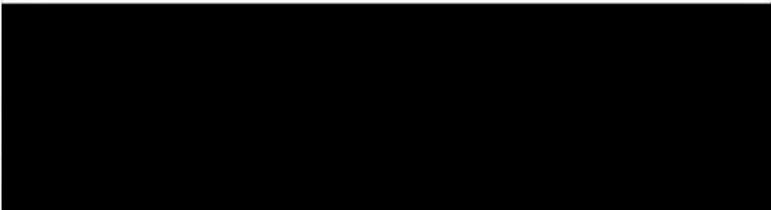
I tried emailing you, but it seems I didn't have your correct address. So I hope this finds you.

In regard to the old Badger Ammunition Plant and the proposed Sauk-Prairie Recreational Area, I think a wise use would be to put it into prairie with trails for hiking. I believe volunteers would help restore the area to prairie. Furthermore, prairie on that site would help clean our air and water, as well as help restore the balance of global climate change.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,





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Dear Diane Brusoe: AUG 27 2013

Re: Alternative 4 FACILITIES AND LANDS

Badger Army Ammunition Plant

I support Alternative 4 - a proposal that emphasizes conservation and low-impact recreation consistent with the Badger Reuse Plan.

I want you to respect the local cooperative agreement and to protect the wildlife, habitat, and traditional recreational activities that could make the site of the former ammo plant an asset for our state for years to come.

Thank you!

Very Sincerely,



To DNR Planner Diane Brusoe:

I AM WRITING TO INFORM YOU OF MY SUPPORT FOR CONCEPTUAL LAND USE ALTERNATIVE #2, THE ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION EMPHASIS, FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE FORMER BADGER ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT LANDS. I ALSO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE #4, THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SAUK PRAIRIE CONSERVATION ALLIANCE AND ITS PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS. THE CREATION OF A LARGE NATURAL RESTORED AREA WHICH ALLOWS FOR LOW-IMPACT RECREATION & EDUCATION WILL BENEFIT CURRENT & FUTURE GENERATIONS, BUT HIGH-IMPACT AND HIGH-NOISE ACTIVITIES WILL LOWER THE QUALITY OF VISITORS' EXPERIENCE DESPITE THE LARGE SIZE OF THE PARK.

Sincerely,



Wildflowers
taken at International Crane Foundation, Baraboo WI



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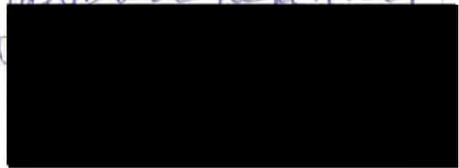


Dear Ms. Brusoe, Re: Badger Ordnance Property

We urge the DNR to support the Badger Oversight Management Commission's "Alternative Four" plan for the future use of this property.

The plan reflects input from a wide range of interested governmental levels and offers a diverse balance of low-impact activities for maximum beneficial use of this public land resource.

We think high-impact use would restrict the appeal of this land and negatively affect the landscape.



Just A Note

8/7/13

Dear Diane, DNR member -

Just a note to say that I support BOMC alternative 4 - and sincerely hope the DNR will choose it, too!

It would allow some low-impact recreation (hunting, biking), family activities, conservation, outdoor education, and fun for all Wisconsin citizens. Isn't that what is the basic purpose of the DNR is all about?

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Diane Brusoe, Planner

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, LF/6

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Dear Diane,

My name is [REDACTED]. I am the owner of [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] Wisconsin. My career has led me all across the country working with natural resource agencies including all fifty State Park Systems, The National Parks Service and National Forest. I have planned and consulted on many projects that I think lend credibility to my opinions regarding the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area master plan including the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area in Nevada the Pennsylvania Wilds interpretive master plan and the development of a comprehensive statewide information system for Virginia State Parks.

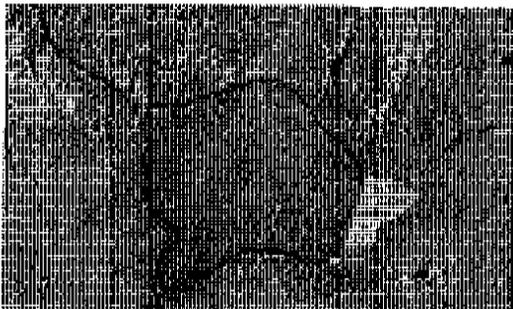
I would like you to consider this for a moment. What am I describing? Over 3500 Square miles of land area, 97 + linear miles of protected scenic riverway, 44,000 public acres, including 20 state natural areas, the largest restored free flowing river in America, over 100 miles of connected multi-use trail and unique and diverse flora and fauna.

Over 60 species of plants and animals on the endangered list are located here. Visitors to this area can see animals such as bald eagles, otters, osprey, coyote, deer and the occasional bear and wolf just to name a few. The area attracts millions of visitors to experience its beauty, its history, and its culture. It provides outdoor resources for: climbing, hiking, biking, paddling, camping, fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, photography, bird watching, star gazing etc.

It sounds like Yellowstone National Park doesn't it? I am describing the lower Wisconsin River and the drift less area.



Area of Significance



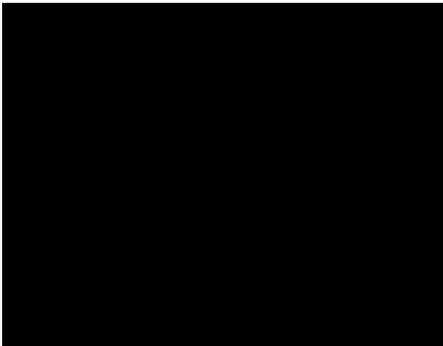
The proposed Sauk Prairie Recreation is located at the spear point of this area. This area already is a regional attraction for nature tourist, for example Devil's Lake State Park alone receives 1.8 million visitors an impressive number even in National Park standards.

The Sauk Prairie Recreation area has the potential to add at least another million to that number. These folks are geo/eco/nature tourist. Add in a connected bike trail Madison to LaCrosse another million plus along with the promotion of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway, another million plus. This traffic creates economic impact creating good environmentally sustainable jobs.

While I am a hunter, and I own a 4 wheeler, I think this area is best utilized by low impact and compatible activities. It is clear to me that the folks near the resource prefer this and the reuse plan developed by a committee made up of stakeholders has recommended this as well in what is now being called alternative number 4.

I am in support of alternative 4 for the reasons I have stated earlier. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



August 29, 2013

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Dear Ms. Brusoe,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (WDNR) draft conceptual alternatives for the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area. Given the long history of citizen engagement in the Badger Reuse process, the WDNR's approach to Master Planning, with frequent citizen outreach events and a lengthy public comment period, is appreciated.

I have been engaged in educational and research activities on the former Badger property beginning with my Master's thesis research in 2005-2006, continuing briefly as a field biologist with the Army, then as a volunteer and former Board member with the Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance, and now as a graduate teaching assistant in the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin. Naturally, these experiences have opened my eyes to the rich cultural and natural history of the Badger lands, and the unique circumstances that have made state ownership of such a large tract of land possible.

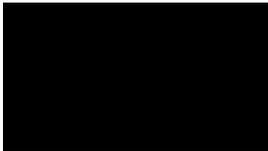
I have reviewed the draft alternatives presented by the WDNR, and while Alternatives #2 and #3 would each be compelling plans for use of most large state-owned properties, the former Badger lands (of which the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area is only a portion) present the opportunity to do so much more. Nowhere in the state – and perhaps nowhere else in the country – do we have the opportunity to explore what it means to collaboratively manage land across local, state, federal, and tribal jurisdictions, and to use this land for 'the greater good.' Land allotments in the 5,000+ acre scale present rare occasions to explore landscape-scale questions. How can we most effectively manage invasive species? What role might agricultural activities (e.g., grazing, haying, cropping, etc) play in wise stewardship of conservation lands? How do we best interpret and communicate our collective land use history to our children, and to each other? What place should educational and research institutions (e.g., USDA-Dairy Forage Research Center, the University of Wisconsin, and local school districts) have in assisting land managers with wise stewardship of our natural and cultural resources?

The answers to these questions can, in turn, be used to assist the WDNR with more efficient, effective management of its lands statewide. The Badger Reuse Plan provides a framework for how such collaborative, integrative work might be done. It is in the spirit of the Badger Reuse Plan that the Badger Oversight and Management Commission (BOMC) drafted Alternative #4. This alternative not only allows for the diverse recreational opportunities desired by most of the public, but also for conservation of species and ecosystems in most urgent need of protection – those dependent on grassland and oak savanna. Furthermore, Alternative #4 reflects the vision of the Badger Reuse Plan, in that it endorses future use of the property that allows for recreation, research, education, sustainable agriculture, and historical preservation.

Finally, as a long-term volunteer with the Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance, I have spent countless hours within the former Badger Plant with our volunteers and local school children. The majority of this time has been spent at a small prairie remnant in the south-central portion of the property. Our volunteers have been committed to stewardship and service learning on this parcel for eight years, and have shared a dream for how things might look in ten, twenty, or even one hundred years. As a volunteer corps, we are disheartened at the possibility that this area has been designated within a potential intensive recreation zone ('Special Use Zone') in Alternative #3. While I do not oppose ATV trails and shooting ranges in general, I do have great reservations about how these land uses at Badger would compromise the opportunity for collaboration with the other landowners, and to explore the questions that I have described above. Quite simply, intensive land use was rejected for this landscape as a part of the Badger Reuse process, and our volunteers have operated in good faith that their stewardship efforts would be preserved and carried forward.

Once again, I thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments. I support Alternative #4 as the best representation of the spirit of the Badger Reuse Plan.

Sincerely,



Friday, August 23, 2013

Dear Mr. Brusoe,

As a long time Wisconsin resident I had been very proud of the work to recover the Badger Ammunition Plant land. The Badger Reuse Committee, thru compromise & good will - attributes lacking in much of our governing bodies - planned to restore the tall grass prairie & oak savanna, a beautiful gift to next generations. Thus I am devastated to learn the DNR is supporting a "Special Use Zone" which will destroy much of the prairie restoration. I am writing to ask the

DNR to reconsider. Please protect
this tract of land as restored
prairie for my grandchildren &
great grandchildren. Thank you.



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Dear Diane,

The DNR is at a crossroads involving the future use of 7,000 plus acres adjacent to Devil's Lake State Park and the Wisconsin River. I'm speaking of the former site of the Badger Army Ammunition Plant.

I'm writing to urge the DNR to respect the proposal set forth by the Badger Reuse Plan. That is restoring the prairie/oak savannah habitat and allowing for low-impact recreational uses that don't have detrimental impacts on the cultural and natural features of the property.

The Badger Reuse Plan was a cooperative effort involving local businesses, landowners, schools, nonprofit organizations as well as county government, the Ho-Chunk Nation, Dairy Forage Research Center and DNR. My wife and I were personally involved in the early stages of this process.

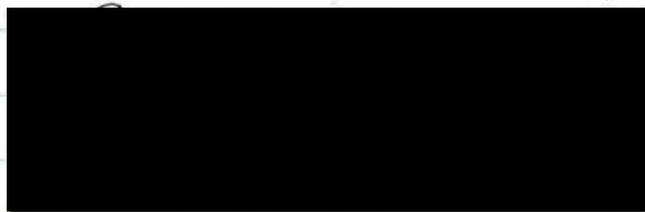
As a board member of Devil's Lake S.P., I don't feel setting up a "Special Use Zone" to allow ATV's, paint
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ball, and a long-range rifle shooting range are conducive to the atmosphere visitors expect adjacent to park land.

The uses and disposition of the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area are an incredible opportunity to restore native landscapes. Because the land is adjacent to Devil's Lake State Park, the Baraboo Range, the WI River, and the Riverland Conservancy, whole ecosystems would benefit.

Humans don't have a great track record for living on the land without spoiling it. Let's give a little back to the natural world that sustains us. Support the proposals set forth by the Badger Reuse Plan, the result of a local consensus, and create a national treasure right here in southern Wisconsin.

Thank-You and Sincerely,



August 22, 2013

To: Diane Brusoe, DNR Planner.

From: [REDACTED]

This letter is written to express to you our deep concern about threats to implementation of the Badger Reuse Plan as it applies to the DNR-owned and administered portion. The Reuse Plan was the result of prolonged dispute, compromise and cooperation by people having diverse governmental, business, organizational connections and interests. Carefully crafted, it has been endorsed by multiple entities that could have been at odds with each other. Now, proper implementation of the Reuse Plan is being threatened by people who wish to misappropriate a substantial portion of the DNR property for uses that contradict the uses stipulated in the finally drafted Reuse Plan. So- if you choose to skip the remainder of this longish letter, we register here our vehement opposition to misappropriation of a large portion of the DNR part of the Sauk Prairie Restoration for use as a track for all-terrain vehicles, a paintball field and a long-distance rifle range. Boiled down:

(1) That would substantially reduce the area intended to restore prairie plants, birds, insects, etc. Few, if any, Meadowlarks, Bobolinks and other prairie denizens are going to occupy an area used by ATV's. This has been shown over and over again at places where the vehicles extirpated, e. g., Piping Plovers and Terns nesting on beaches that also became unpleasant places for people to be.

(2) Have you considered how this re-appropriation of land might reduce the intended peaceful enjoyment of the restoration? The raucous roar of the ATV's and the crack of rifle fire would be incompatible with the full, peaceful enjoyment of the adjacent gem of restored prairie, e. g., the songs of Bobolinks and Meadowlarks, the drawn-out whistles of Upland Sandpipers and the soft sighing of wind in grass. *The "Restoration" is not just about restoring land to a certain condition; it is, as much, about restoring something in people that is becoming increasingly threatened.*

(3) We think we would not be alone in avoiding taking our family to a location that is being used for a long distance rifle range. That's why we opposed expanding the hunting time in State parks and why we would not come to Sauk Prairie if a rifle range is put in.

(4) The Sauk Prairie Restoration would be very favorably located with regard to widespread use.

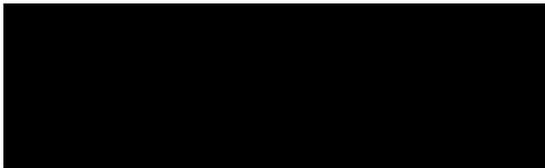
a. It neighbors Devil's Lake State Park and we would bet that many, including us, would combine a visit to one place with a visit to the other.

b. It is, sort of, centrally located in the state and could attract visitors from many parts of Wisconsin. Furthermore, it is on a major highway that is commonly used by people passing through the state. It would be easy for such travelers to visit the Restoration while *en route* to other destinations. The kind of travelers we, and many others, are would not bother to do so if they knew of the negatives mentioned above. That would be a loss for them and a loss of business that will be associated with the Restoration. For instance, organizations like Madison Audubon Society, Wisconsin Society for Ornithology and The Natural Resources Foundation might organize field trips (groups of 10-20) to the prairie restoration if it is developed up to its potential and, especially, because the trips could include Devil's Lake and/or The International Crane Foundation. This would include business from individual visitors, too.

(5) This world and our state are becoming ever-more crowded, stressful and environmentally threatened. More and more, people need places like the Restoration is intended to be to counteract the "downers" mentioned above. Residents of the state, like us, feel that, but it is shared by people elsewhere. For example, two weeks ago, four relatives from the East coast visited with us for three days. When we asked them for the things they especially wanted to see while they were here----"Out-of-doors Wisconsin!" We might have taken them to the intended Sauk Prairie Restoration (it's not very far), but not if it were spoiled in the ways discussed above.

We understand and readily accept that our interests are not shared by everyone and that the interests of others should be respected appropriately. But, the Sauk Prairie is a special jewel of chance to restore a place of great natural beauty and interest that could be enjoyed by many. Surely, lands that lack the *special potential* of Sauk Prairie but are suitable for ATV's and a long distance rifle range could be found elsewhere.

Sincerely yours,



AUG 20 2013

From

Place

at my farm

Date

8/16/13

Attention

Subject:

My comment on the Sauk Prairie Recreation area,
Formerly known as the Badger Army Ammunition Plant.

Dear Diane Brusoe,

My opinion on the DNR use of this land is:

1. Adopt Alternative # 4 plan - Conservation/
Low Impact Recreation Emphasis.

2. NO Rifle range or ATV track which
do not fit with the Badger Reuse Plan.

3. I and my family ([redacted]) have lived
on the North end of Dummer Township since
1907. We developed an apple orchard
called [redacted].

4. I sold the development rights to
Sauk County in order to protect the
Baraboo Range. And to keep our
farm 300 acres from being developed
and kept for farming + conservation.

5. I was on the Badger Reuse Committee
and worked hard to help with the plan
and guidelines for the land in the Badger
Army Ammun. Plant.

6. My hope and dreams for our beautiful land at Badger will be preserved as we set up the guidelines in the Badger Reuse Plan.

7. I have been to the Sumpter Town Board meeting on Aug. 12, 2013 where our Board of Tim Colby, chairman, and 2 others voted to go with Alternative 4.

Thank you for reading my letter and thoughts.

Sincerely,



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Ms. Diane Brusoe

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

101 S. Webster St.

Madison, WI. 53707

August 14, 2013

Dear Diane:

I am writing to you respectfully as a private landowner regarding the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) potential use of its portion of the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant, which I refer to as "Badger Land" in this document. My family owns approximately 2,400 acres of property on the Wisconsin River one-half way between Portage and the Dells. The land uses and processes that are employed on our property prioritize conservation of the land and the overall environment. We consider ourselves neighbors to the Badger Lands and we are deeply concerned over potential activities that the WDNR has introduced in the Sauk Prairie Draft of Conceptual Land Use Alternatives. We view these as variations from the original intent of the Badger Re-use Plan (BRP).

For the most part we feel that the WDNR's plan for the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area (SPRA) is very well thought out and promotes the ecological and conservation ideals that are consistent with the original BRP which was officially endorsed by numerous entities and agencies including the WDNR's Natural Resource Board. Specifically, the WDNR plan for SPRA addresses these ideals through recommendations for land restoration, outdoor recreation and educational activities. However, my family and I take exception to and are deeply disturbed for the potential introduction of high impact activities that are designated for use in the "Special Use Zone". Specifically the WDNR's plan opens the door for the use of motorized vehicles such as A.T.V.'s and power rifle activities including the shooting range and paintball use. Additionally, we were disappointed that the WDNR's recommendations did not include agricultural research and sustainability.

The introduction of high impact activities and lack of recommendations for agricultural uses outlined above for the SPRA completely contradicts what I and many others believe to be the true spirit of the original BRP. Specifically, Badger Land was designated to integrate several broad categories that were identified as "appropriate use" which include restoration, agriculture, education and research all with an emphasis on low impact environmental activities.

Besides contradicting the spirit of the BRP's original intent and the agreement that the WDNR made with the National Park Service, implementation of high impact activities and the neglect of agricultural uses would negatively impact the Badger Land community through:

- a. Not providing the originally targeted Badger Land users with the experience envisioned by the creators of the originally endorsed BRP.
- b. Reduction or elimination of critical habitat for grassland birds and other wild life.

- c. Diminished effect of certain land features unique to Badger Land such as the remnant prairie-savanna that the property encompasses and the drainage channel of glacial Lake Merrimac.

For these reasons, it is my hope that the WDNR will re-evaluate its recommendations for the SPRA and re-align these recommendations to be consistent with the original intent of the BRP. We should not lose sight of the fact that the parameters that are outlined with in the original BRP are the basis that allowed the WDNR to acquire the SPRA in the first place. It is important to me as a private landowner and citizen that the WDNR honor its commitments to the original BRP, the National Park Service and most importantly to the citizens of Wisconsin by supporting the implementation of Draft Conceptual Land Use Alternative #4, as proposed by the Badger Oversight and Management Commission.

Thank you for your consideration. I can be reached at any time if you would like to discuss this matter further. My cell phone number is [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Draine Brusoe,

Since I don't have internet I hope my letter reaches you. I'm 76 years old so I remember Badger in the war years. I've lived all my life in Dane County so I'm not connected to the families that formerly lived on the land.

I felt the original Badger Run plan for the area was wonderful and worthy after having to give up the farmland to the government.

Owning 120 acres of woodland that was grazed for years I know what happens to land TODAY that is left to return to its natural state. Natural state today is full and overrun by invasives.

I see much good in Alternative 4 as published in the newspaper. Senator Clark has the right ideas also. No commercial enterprise provides badly needed bird and wildlife habitat or the people activities in Plan 4.

My husband's family were a hunting family. Lack of public hunting ground is a problem. Finding a shooting range is not. Real hunters I know do not use shooting ranges. Commercial shooting range people I know are not hunters. ATV's were invented for transportation for farmers, hunters, and public land caretakers as DNR, to use over terrain that was not necessarily

well suited for other vehicles.

Sank Prairie and I speak of Prairie in the real sense in sand soil. Look what happened to the River Bottoms until they got rid of the motorized vehicles. The riders do NOT stay on trails, that's not a thrill. Look at the Western U.S. desert problems with vehicles.

Your truly,



P.S. Please listen to the majority of common citizens. The majority have not guns or ATVs.

July 24, 2013

Dear Ms. Brusoe,

Thank you very much for the long hours you have been devoting to helping determine the future of the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area. Yours is no easy task. Thank you, too, for inviting citizens to share input on the management alternatives you unveiled recently for the SPRA.

I was born in Wisconsin and have lived most of my life in this state. Since 1998 I have lived in Sauk Prairie. Over the last couple of years, I have spent many hours volunteering to help with conservation and research at the Badger property, along with other members of the Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance. Despite the ticks, wild parsnip and heat, getting to know that special property has been a joy and a privilege.

It has also been eye-opening and inspiring to learn more about the process that a diverse and comprehensive group of stakeholders, including the DNR, went through to bring about the best possible future for the property. Of course I'm referring to the process that ultimately led to the Badger Reuse Plan.

I wish to express to you my great respect for the Badger Reuse Plan and the many individuals who poured their sweat and tears into it. I favor the alternative that best honors the fruits of their long labor. It appears that alternative 2 is that alternative, although I appreciate the conservation, low-impact recreation, interpretation and education elements of alternatives 2 and 3.

I have serious concerns about alternative 3, which includes the proposed "Special Use Zone." The activities that would be allowed in this zone go against both the letter and the spirit of the Badger Reuse Plan. High-impact recreational activities like ATV

riding and firearms practice have no place in the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area because they run counter to the explicit recommendations in the BRP, namely that recreational uses should be “**low-impact** in nature,” “compatible with other uses,” and “have no significant detrimental impacts on the cultural and natural features of the property.” These activities would also upset many neighboring property owners (noise, potentially contaminated dust, heavy traffic, etc.).

The area that would contain the “Special Use Zone” currently contains breeding populations of grassland birds that are designated species of Greatest Conservation Need. Clearly this is unacceptable. Furthermore, this area contains the highest quality prairie/savanna remnant on the Badger property -- the very remnant that I and my fellow volunteers have been working so hard to restore.

I was also dismayed to see that none of the three alternatives the DNR proposed call for integrating research and sustainable agriculture into the SPRA. This concerns me for two reasons. First, research and sustainable ag were values that all stakeholders agreed was important enough to include in the BRP. Second, it seems a shame not to utilize the top-notch personnel and resources of the nearby USDA and the University of Wisconsin (Madison, Baraboo and Richland campuses) at the SPRA, especially when there is such an interest in both basic research and sustainable agriculture at both institutions. What a wonderful opportunity to make Wisconsin a showcase for the world on how to integrate conservation and agriculture! Such pioneering would honor all past human residents of that beautiful land, as well as present and future non-human residents.

For these reasons I urge you to remove the proposed “Special Use Zone” from the alternatives. Amending alternative 2 to include appropriate recreational access, research and a focus on

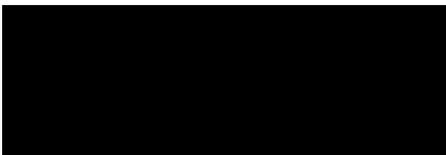
sustainable agriculture, as well as the educational and interpretive components contained in alternative 3, would make alternative 2 a wonderful blueprint for the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area and would fulfill the promise the DNR made to the people of Wisconsin and area stakeholders when it endorsed the painstakingly crafted Badger Reuse Plan.

A management plan that cleaves to the Badger Reuse Plan is in the interests of *all* Wisconsin residents, current and future.

After every volunteer work day up at the Hillside Prairie, I am struck by the incredible conservation, education, research and recreation potential of the property. I know you appreciate that potential, too, and that you understand that we need to get this right from the get-go.

Thank you for considering my comments and adding them to the river of public input you must be receiving.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area.

Attachment: "Input sought on Badger plant"
Wis State Journal article



Dear Ms. Brusoe:

I think a shooting range
and ATV trails is the
way to go.

Thank you



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8/16-13

To DNR Planner Diane Brusoe

Dear Ms. Brusoe,

I agree with the enclosed opinion page - that the old Badger Army Amm. Plant shouldn't have a rifle range! That is a bad idea, not consistent with the original plan for low-impact recreation + conservation!

and
all-terrain
+ traffic ←

I understand from personal experience of rifle ranges that it disturbs people + wildlife + is contrary to the needs of humans + animals for quietness, peacefulness, beauty. This is a no-brainer because "we" are losing such spaces rapidly + losing opportunities to confront the stress of daily life. We need - we all need - to keep to the 2001 plan ≡ and will need such quiet places even more in future!

Thank you

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Rural Richland Center



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Attachment: Sauk County GIS Map showing town of Sumpter, Merrimac and others

Good Morning/Afternoon,

I am [redacted] and I have lived in Sauk County over 60 years, 35 years have been in the Town of Merrimac. I live on the bluffs surrounded on 3 sides by Devil's Lake State Park.--We bought the property from the DNR.

The last 20+ years I have been focused on Badger as a member of the Badger Environmental Board of Advisors which transended and became the Restoration Advisory Board--both focused on Army clean-up. Parallel to this I chaired the Town of Merrimac Zoning Committee which created our Development Plan, our Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map--We are town zoned. I served for 10 years as our first Zoning Administrator. I also served two terms on the Sauk County Board of Adjustment.

I share with you the important things I have learned about land use:

1. Land is a very emotional issue.
2. We only have so much dirt/land.
3. The land will TELL you what it NEEDS to be. I am providing you each with a map of Badger and the surrounding townships and their zoning. The Town of Merrimac has zoned Badger Agriculture Conservation and the Town of Sumpter Exclusive Agriculture. I also draw your attention to the Town of Merrimac which contains part of Devil's Lake State Park, Parfrey's Glen and the Riverland Conservancy. The map is worth 10,000 words.
4. We need to adopt the Native American philosophy--Look forward Seven generations.
5. Bringing people to the land is educational and healing. Healing both for the land and the people.
6. We have grass-roots/non profit groups that have already done wonderful restorative work at Badger and will continue to do so if allowed. These are the willing, and potential volunteer work force that will be needed and these people are very critical for restoration. In many cases these groups also qualify for grant money for projects they are involved in.

*See
Age
Hall*

The original Badger Reuse Plan, with the ⁹eight values and *the BOMC* Alternate #4 are the BLUE PRINT for Badger with low impact, restorative land uses. Let the healing begin!!!



Attachment: Alternative 4 Graphic by the
BOMC

to: WDNR John Pohlman, Diane Brusoe

fr:



dt: 8/28/13

re: Sauk Prairie Recreation Area/Badger Army Ammunition Plant
Draft Vision, Goals, Conceptual Alternatives

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Along with:

Badger Oversight and Management Commission
USDA Dairy Forage Research Center
Ho Chunk Nation
Town of Sumpter
Town of Prairie du Sac
City of Baraboo
Village of Sauk City
Village of Prairie du Sac
Sauk County
The Sauk Prairie Conservation Alliance
Badger History Group
Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger
Wisconsin Wildlife Federation
and numerous Wisconsin citizens

I support the Vision, Goals and Conceptual Alternative 4 (attached)



Attachment: "Recreation should complement
Badger site" Cap Times opinion piece

TO: DNR: Diane Brusoe
FROM: [REDACTED]
Date: August 28, 2013
RE: Badger Army Ammunition Plant Land

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I thought that this "Alternative 4" plan outlined in today's newspaper for the use of the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant land was a good plan.

I hope this plan is chosen to be the one put in place.

Thank you.



Attachment: "Specific Activities and Uses consistent with Conservation and Low Impact Recreation" from the Alternative 4 graphic by the BOMC

Date: 8/29/13

To: Diane Brusoe

From: [REDACTED]

Ref: Badger Reuse Plan

Dear Ms Brusoe,

I think it's important for the Badger Reuse Plan to be returned to its natural habitat to as close as possible! Even to the point before it became the ammunition plant. I am specifically referencing the 500 acre area known as **M and M1**.

I've read that a shooting range and an ATV trail will be part of the plan for the 500 acres. Putting a shooting range and an ATV trail in my opinion would **be wrong!** My understanding is that blue birds and other song birds nest in those 500 acres. The noise of the guns and ATVs would certainly drive the birds away! Why allow a shooting range in those 500 acres when you have 3-4 shooting ranges within 10-15 minutes away from that location?

Many questions arise when we speak of the ammunition plant such as:

- Have the toxins from the ammunition plant been removed and the land made safe?
- Would breathing the dust from an ATV be safe?
- Would the state or federal government be responsible for the people if they do become sick from toxins still in the soil?
- Who is going to be responsible for maintenance on the ATV trails?
- Who is going to monitor the gun range?

Is it not enough that the people who live in the area have to drink bottled water because of the contamination from the ammunition plant would now have to be subjected to the noise of guns firing and noise of ATVs motors.

Questions after questions – it's never ending! The problem is the questions need to be answered before anything is planned for this property! It should be well thought out and should consider the opinions of the people living in the near-by homes! **Leave the politicians out of the decision making process!**

Right now the only resolve for the land would be to give it back to nature and let Mother Nature heal the land with many snow falls, rain falls and many years gone by to degrade any toxins left in the soil. Hopefully, the toxins can degrade through many years, but before we know if the toxins can degrade the land should be left alone! This would be the better way to go than to allow a gun range and an ATV trail. At least no human being would get sick from the toxins if the land is left alone to heal!

When the land is safe to use "low impact recreational uses" would be best! This would allow someone to walk a trail and enjoy the scenic view of a now rare prairie (**especially in Wisconsin!**)

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

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Date: 8/29/13

To: Diane Brusoe

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Ref: Badger Reuse Plan

Dear Chairman Brusoe:

After reading the "Badger Reuse Plan" and sitting in on the Badger Oversight and Management Commission meetings I think it would serve the WDNR well to follow the "Reuse Plan" as a blue print to write the future plan of the Sauk Prairie Recreational Area.

This is a one-time chance to have a vast grassland lying next to the Baraboo Range in the Wisconsin River Valley. This would also serve as a living classroom to future generations to show what can be done with a property that during wartimes had been stressed with pollution.

Low impact recreation would blend well with the ground nesting birds that would have an area big enough to mount a significant comeback in the area in comparison to fragmented property that serves no one well.

It would be a crime to use the 500 acre parcel (**M and M1**) for ATV use and a shooting range. This area has been labeled by the WDNR as "**High Priority Prairie Habitat**" for grassland birds.

This year in this country we are losing 3.2 million acres of grass lands in CRP alone. In this part of Wisconsin to lose another 500 acres of prairie makes no sense.

There are four shooting ranges within 15 minutes of the Sauk Prairie Recreational Area and it would make much better sense to locate a range and an ATV trail in terrain that is more common to southern Wisconsin than to put and place a shooting range and an ATV trail in prime prairie habitat!

I have included a list of activities consistent with "**Low Impact Recreation**".

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

August 25, 2013

Mark Aquino, Regional Director

Wisconsin DNR

3911 Fish Hatchery Road

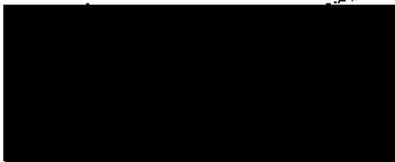
Fitchburg WI 53711

Dear Mr. Aquino,

I am writing about the various proposals for the Sauk Prairie Recreational Area. Yesterday I took the tour of the area and spent some time at the history museum. I was struck by the beauty and the peace of the area. This area is truly a very special place - close to several population centers, yet very quiet, very spacious, and with many areas that seem untouched, despite all the previous human activities on the site.

After this experience I am completely in support of alternative 4 for this site. Why would we allow the peace and the beauty of this unusual site to be destroyed by ATVS? Why would we not preserve what this site offers? ATVs and rifle ranges can be situated on just about any piece of property; there is no good argument for putting them here. Let people enjoy this area without being subjected to other people's noisy machines roaring up and down the hills, without hearing gunfire in the background.

Sincerely,



August 26-2013

I am a A.T.V. owner and rider I would like to voice my opinion on the Badger ordinance restriction to A.T.V.s. We all know there are know trails in the central part of Wisconsin. We pay registration fees for our machines, yet are limited to where we can use them. We support business financially that are along the existing trails if we can't use the interior of the plant.

Would the D.N.R. please keep open the option of a future trail using the old rail line going thru Badger starting at the existing Fertilizer Plant on the South East Corner of the plant and exiting on the North East corner near the Merrimac camp ground.

My next question is how much revenue do the naturalist ^{bring} in to this area and the Sauk Prairie community. Oh yes does the dairy research farm pay any taxes on their share of this property?

As the naturalist and bird-watchers are concerned they already have Devils Lake State Park, the natural Bridge State Park, Pappas Glen, the Nature Conservancy, Property along Highway Twelve. I never see any of them walking thru or using these wild flower areas.

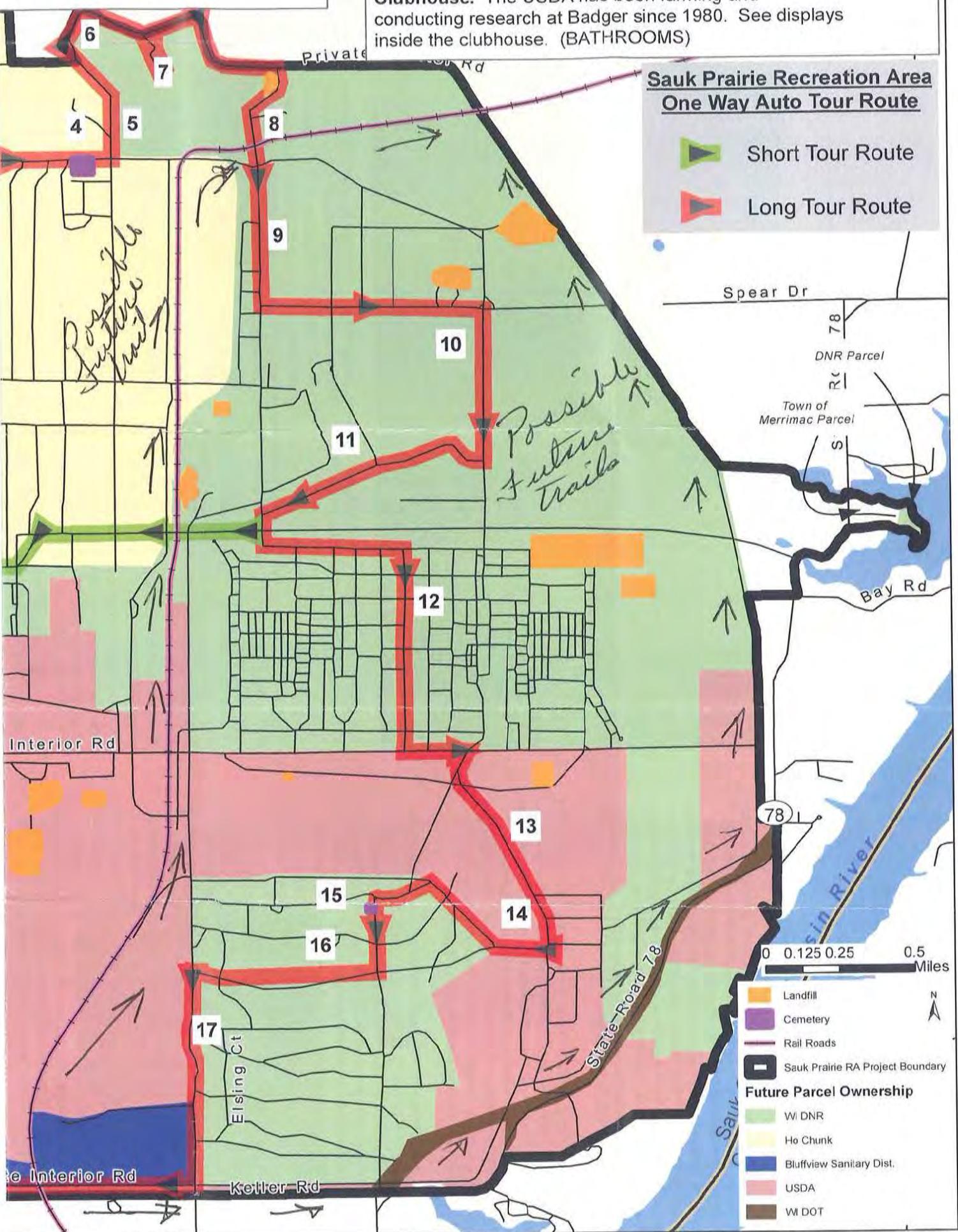


Thank You Sincerely

15. USDA Dairy Storage Research Center
Clubhouse. The USDA has been farming and conducting research at Badger since 1980. See displays inside the clubhouse. (BATHROOMS)

**Sauk Prairie Recreation Area
 One Way Auto Tour Route**

-  Short Tour Route
-  Long Tour Route



sources, and are of varying age, reliability and resolution. This map is not intended to be used for navigation, nor is this map an authoritative source of information about legal land ownership or public access. Users of this map should verify the information in order to avoid trespassing. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made regarding accuracy, applicability for a particular use, completeness, or legality of the information depicted on this map.

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DEAR DIANE

I AM WRITING IN REGARDS TO AN ARTICLE OF AUG. 29 IN THE AGR-VIEW FARM PAPER ABOUT THE BADGER AMMO PLANT USE.

I AM IN FAVOR OF ANY SPECIAL USE ZONES. I USE ATV'S FOR FARM WORK TRANSPORT AND I AM OFTEN ASKED BY PEOPLE TO RUN THEIR ATV'S ON FARMLAND. I DO ALLOW A FEW BUT THIS IS NOT REALLY THE PURPOSE OF FARMLAND.

I RAISED A LOT OF KIDS 10 (3) ~~ARE~~ ^{4 ADOPTED} ARE MY NATURAL CHILDREN. WE WOULD GO ON THE BIKE TRAIL BETWEEN WATERFORD AND BURLINGTON. THIS IS FUN FOR THEM WITH ADRIAN'S ICE CREAM SHOP AT THE ~~END~~ BURLINGTON END. A SPECIAL USE ZONE IDEA - NO DOUBT.

I AM VERY ANGRY WITH BIKE TOUR ACROSS WISCONSIN. JUNE 21ST SOME LOCAL RADICALS SNOWBALLED THE VILLAGE OF EAST TROY BOARD INTO ALLOWING CLOSING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FOR THE DAY WITHOUT ANY INSITE TO INDIVIDUAL RESIDENT CONCERNS. A MILD FORM OF MARSHAL LAW PREVAILED AND CREATED A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR MANY WHO DON'T WALK VERY GOOD.

I AM A VETERAN AND BELIEVE WE HAVE A RIGHT TO MOVE FREELY ABOUT. RADICAL CYCLIST OBVIOUSLY DON'T. I BELIEVE IN THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS TO INCLUDE FUN ACTIVITY WHETHER FOR ATV'S, BIKES, GOLF CARTS ECT. SPECIAL USE ZONES WOULD SOLVE THIS ~~AND GET RADICAL~~ INFLUENCE OF →
• THIS WOULD REMOVE

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SHALLOW MINDED VILLAGE BOARD MEMBERS ALLOWING AND
~~AND~~ CREATING HARDSHIPS ON THE GENERAL
 POPULATION; JUST WANTING TO LIVE THEIR
 SOMEWHAT BOREING LIFE'S. I AM RETIRED AND
 SPEND ALOT OF TIME HELPING MY SON ON THE
 FARM WEST OF EAST TROY. I WOULD APPRECIATE
 DNR INFLUENCE ON THESE RADICAL BIKER TOURS
 AND GET THEM TO A SPECIAL ZONE FOR THEIR RACE
 EVENTS. INDIVIDUAL FREEWILL MOVEMENT MUST
 PREVAIL. REPLY IF YOU WISH TOO.
 THANK YOU Sincerely [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

FEEL FREE TO CALL

Apologize FOR MY GRAMMAR - I'VE BEEN OUT
 OF SCHOOL AT LEAST 50 YEARS.

**Sauk County Recreational Area
Master Planning**

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***am in favor of Alternative 3:*
Outdoor Recreation Emphasis**

The history of the Badger Ordinance property is very important to many of the communities surrounding the old plant. Many people from the communities that surround the plant had family members that worked there.

There are many gravel roads on the grounds that could be used for multi-use trails to give all recreational use people from cars to horseback riders, with hikers, ATV's, UTV's, snowmobiles and dirt bikes a chance to view and enjoy the property.

There are no multi-use trails from Mineral Point to Rome (Adam's county) or Black River Falls for this kind of use.

The Sauk Prairie Recreational Area with Alternative 3: (outdoor recreation emphasis) gives many people a chance to use the area than the other alternatives, one and two.

I am in favor of Alternative 3.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____

hello Diane

as per our last conversation I feel this is the Best plan. The majority of ATV Registrations are in Dane Co and the southern part of the state yet we really have no where to ride. This plan will also bring alot of revenue to the area from neighboring states as well as from this part of the state. This plan can also be very usfull ~ having ATV Safety classes that can be held by different local area clubs. There are many wildlife viewing areas around this area not to mention any backyard for bird watching. There has also been mention of a "5+h" alternative which would suggest the whole area be made into an ATV Park as in many other states which →

brings in hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue
(Hartfield-McCoy Trails in West Virginia, Mines + Meadows in PA,
also in many other states as South Carolina, Montana, Colorado,
etc...!

Thank you for your Time I would also like to
again mention that along with the Scout ~~to~~ ridge runners
ATV club, the two clubs I belong to (the Badger ATV
club + Lake Wisconsin ATV club) would like to be
involved in this project and ~~we~~ would offer to help
sign and maintain these trails. Please keep me informed
on any up coming meetings etc. If there is anything I can
do, help with or answer any questions please feel free to
contact me

Thank
You
Again

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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(1) Name

Address

Phone:

(2) NAME:

Signed

Address

Phone:

(3) NAME:

Signed

Address

Phone

(4) NAME:

Signed:

Address:

Phone:

WE DRIVE
4 hrs to WISC
TO RIDE
AWESOME
TRAIL SYSTEM
WOULD LIKE TO
SEE MORE!!

Hi, my name is [REDACTED] and I am 10 years old. I live in the town of Dane with my mom, dad and brother. I love going snowmobiling and ATVing every year. We use a lot of the trails in Wisconsin and I think it is important for people to allow us to use our trails. Please allow me and other people to be able to use the Sauk County Recreation Area for this.

Thank you for your consideration.

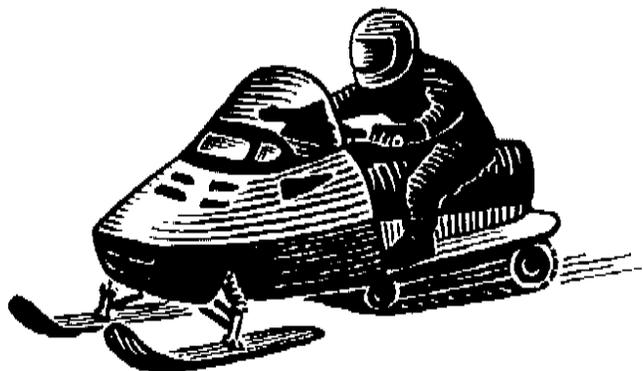
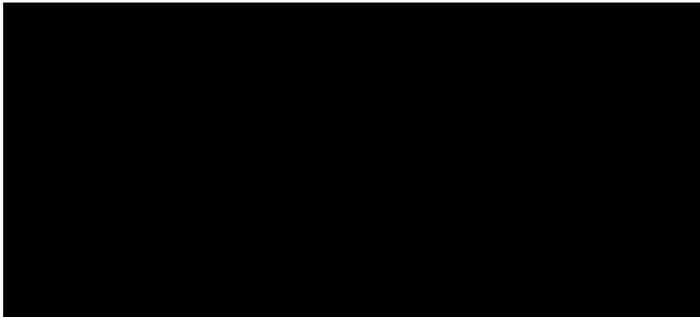
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My name is [REDACTED] and I am 13 years old. I live in the town of Dane. I am an avid snowmobiler and ATVer. I love it! I go snowmobiling and ATVing with my family every year and it is important to me to be able to use the trails we have. Please allow me and other people to be able to use the Sauk County Recreation Area for this.

Thank you for your consideration.

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8-20-2013

Dear Diane Brusoe,

I figured I might as well give you my 2¢ (or whatever it's worth...) regarding the Sauk Prairie Recreation Area.

My dad worked at Badger for 8-9 years back in the 60's & 70's, and I've lived in the area pretty much my whole life. I remember my dad taking me over there 40 years ago to help clean up one of the buildings. They turned it into a conservation club and built 2 trap houses for trap shooting. I remember attending many events and shoots there throughout the years until it closed about 10 or so years ago. I also spent many hours/days there over the past 25 years hunting deer. If I could have it my way... I'd have the Dept of the Army keep the property, and would have [redacted] manage the deer hunting. Since that is not going to happen, I support anything that promotes wildlife & hunting... and that includes a rifle range. I'm guessing a rifle range would take up 20-40 acres out of a 7500 acre area. That's not including the 10,000+ acres that already make up Devils Lake State Park. I have a shooting range next to my house, and I have all kinds of birds & wildlife. I remember shooting trap at Badger and there would be deer feeding in the direction we were shooting. Didn't seem to phase them. You have ducks & geese at golf courses & parks. You have deer, turkey, coyotes, squirrels, rabbits... in Madison. You'll have birds & wildlife in Badger... with a shooting range. As long as there is food, cover & water... they will adapt.

I guess I'll leave it at that.... Good Luck at trying to make us all happy! ☺

[redacted]

From: [REDACTED]
To: <[REDACTED]>
Date: Wed, 7 Aug 2013 10:45:39 -0500
Subject: FW: Badger Ordinance

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Badger Ordinance

[REDACTED], the email address that was on the paper you gave us was invalid. I couldn't get this email to go through, please forward it to the proper people. Thanks!

To Whom it May Concern,
Speaking for The Over The Hill ATV Club we would really like to see MORE places for ATV/UTV riding, like some of the property being discussed at the Badger Ordinance. There just aren't enough trails/routes in southern Wisconsin for the ATV/UTV enthusiasts like our club members.
Thank you for your time!!

[REDACTED]



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Dear Diane,

I/we strongly oppose the WDNR's proposal for motorized vehicles (ATVs) and a shooting range at the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant.

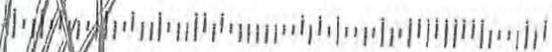
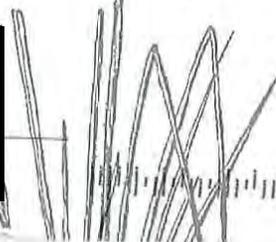
Instead, these lands should be conserved for wildlife habitat and low-impact recreation such as hiking, hunting and biking.

ALT. 4!!

Sincerely,



Diane Brusoe, DNR Planner - LF/6
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 7921
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Dear Diane,

SUPPORT

I/we strongly ~~oppose~~ the WDNR's proposal for motorized vehicles (ATVs) and a shooting range at the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant.

There is plenty room for everyone!

*I am a trained environmentalist and understand needs for other facilities. It could work. Shooting range requires small area. Locate near ATV area for noise interference. Trees muffle sound to form barrier & hide activity. **Also we should give** the community road access from 78 to 12 via old road just at base of hill. Saves fuel & time by 10 miles for emergency vehicles.*



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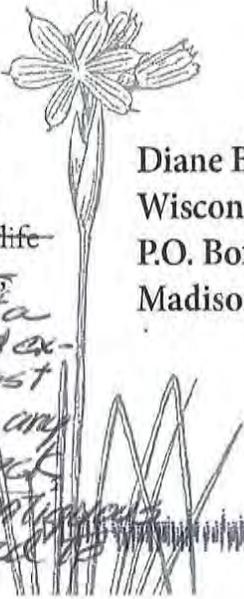


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All lands south of a line, beginning at the main entry and extending due east to the ponds east boundary should be sold off to any interested parties and put back on the tax rolls. Bluff areas contiguous with Dedi's lake state parks added to the park.



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