

Sauk Prairie Recreation Area

The following comments regarding the cultural resource preservation goals were received by the Department through the online survey during the public comment period (July 15 through August 31, 2013). The contents of the responses submitted are copied here as received. Personal names of non-public figures and addresses have been redacted.

Preliminary Cultural Resource Preservation Goal Statement:

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.

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

1	Communicate this information to visitors in displays and on the website. The DNR still does not provide this information at other state properties in a consistent manner or not at all. Its good for tourism!
2	All of the above.
3	Use Horse Power when Power is needed withing the project.
4	HORses are an important part of early life in the area
5	maybe put up kiosks that would give history on the people who used to live there as well as information about the wild life there
6	I support Alternative 4 submitted by the Badger Oversight Management Commission with an emphasis on Conservation and Low-Impact Recreation as specified in the Badger Reuse Plan. There is no regional need for a shooting range or an ATV trail at Badger.
7	Provide 'story boards', showing the storyline, perhaps in pictures.
8	I know several people who worked at the munitions plant; I am glad it has been decommissioned and the land will be used in a more sensitive way. Remembering the plants history and the fact that it did in someway contribute to saving the land should be preserved.
9	Horseback riding trails
10	You could put signs up for the history.
11	Again - allow public assess to all grounds. Whether hiking or trail riding. Building kiosks to identify areas; and to preserve and teach about history in that area. Having a couple small museums in strategic areas will enhance public appreciation of efforts to maintain the original integrity, plus return of nature and wildlife.
12	get people to UNDERSTAND that they need places to ride and enjoy nature
13	Tours/demos? Maybe something similar to Old World Wisconsin?

14	Make driving trails for horse carts, wagons and carriages to demonstrate pre-motorized mode of traffic and commerce.
15	Significant sites should be identified and preserved, but not to the extent that it unreasonably restricts recreational use of the land. The priority should be to maximize recreational use of the site while preserving significant cultural features.
16	We could do this with the type of roadside plaque we see all over the state marking and explaining historical events
17	Develop the site to address recreational opportunities long neglected in the Southern half of the state, specifically motorized trails and firearms range. History and geological education is important but the state has already heavily invested in these at many other sites state wide.
18	Investigate ways the Native Americans have used horses
19	It would be kind of cool to be able to ride to these type of sites on horseback or while hiking. There would be no pollution from motor vehicles and horse would have been a big part of those eras.
20	Any significant sites should be preserved for people to enjoy, and learn more about the area and its peoples. Offering the property as a recreational destination would not be detrimental to such sites and activities.
21	Shooting ranges would preseve the history of its original use, ammunition mfg. rotyyo
22	Some sites should be identified and preserved but not so many so as to unreasonably restrict the recreational use of some land. Cultural features should be maintained at this site as well but again not to the point of over restricting its recreational usage.
23	Fine.
24	Personally, I think it'd be cool to have a motorcycle trail through the old buildings... But I understand with liability and all it's probably not feasible. If there are real sites there that portray the early native American life they should be preserved, but that does not preclude recreation.
25	Visitors centers to address these significant cultural and historical topics would contribute significantly to the educational value of the project.
26	Do not address this issue at all. That was then, this is now.
27	Horses have been used thru history and could enjoy this
28	Please maintain any cultural features (obviously there must have been native american use and the ammo plant's history is relevant) but also give us the recreation areas we need.
29	the best use of the land to benefit our future generations is the outdoor recreation option which includes the creation of a shooting range.
30	This is fine

31	Excellent!
32	Have some memorials and plaques located throughout the property.
33	I agree
34	Let people see the sites that you wish to preserve. It is pointless to put in so much work but then allow no one to see it and use the land. I think trails should be made.
35	Use the native American people's knowledge to help preserve the land.
36	Foster a knowledge of the benefits and cultures of the area.
37	There are elements of the Badger plant that should be retained.
38	Only by retiring & removing the remnants of the toxic past can we hope to Honor
39	horse trails with campsite
40	Please keep and maintain any historical sites.
41	The site is very large, and culturally significant aspects can certainly be preserved, while having the option of many other rec options.
42	Significant sites should be identified and preserved, but not to the extent that it unreasonably restricts recreational use of the land. The priority should be to maximize recreational use of the site while preserving significant cultural features.
43	Again, people originally traversed this land on horseback. Maps of pioneer trails and signs telling of historical events, cabins, etc. could be placed by the Historical Society.
44	There should most certainly be displays, perhaps an historic trail, interpreters, and other educational efforts, to bring to today's users, the Native American life, Euro-American settlement, and the design, operation, and decommissioning of the BAAP. Youngsters today are not very cognizant of how large an impact The War had on their grandparents' or great-grandparents' lives.
45	Have sign's big enough to read from a cart
46	sounds good
47	nature center, native american museum, museum of local history and the story of the badger ammo plant
48	Place signs explaining the story and geology of different areas throughout.
49	Covered in my first comment.
50	Education -- education -- and education. What a positive syllabus for all ages!!

51	I am in favor of preserving the property's storyline as well. I am eager to take in the geological history and see early settlements too. I am also eager to see these interests integrated with the recreational activities described in the Recreation Section. It will be a win-win.
52	I am in favor of the cultural resource preservation, but not to the extent that recreational opportunities are restricted. In my opinion, the two activities can be interfaced so that all participants have a rich experience.
53	Shooting sports are an essential part of the Euro-American settlement throughout the nation. Wilderness camping providing chances to learn about the land
54	Use of signage to tell people of the heritage, stopping places along the trail with picnic tables for people to rest and read up on the location that they are in.
55	As far as I know, the Ammunitions Plant itself is the only unique historical aspect of the area. I'd like to think that this goal could be met regardless of which other uses are promoted.
56	I support Alternative 4.
57	YOU CAN HAVE DESIGNATED AREAS WITH INFORMATION SIGNS & POSTS
58	See below in no. 6
59	Again, cultural resource preservation that is compatible with ecological management would be an enhancement -- but extensive building to house displays (for example) would not be good.
60	information, educational kiosks
61	involve local historians in preservation and education
62	Informational placards and signs at significant sights would have little environmental impact. Signs at trail heads could explain what sites the visitor will encounter while walking/cycling.
63	Plenty of preservation already in area and state. We need ORV area
64	This touches all the bases.
65	Ensure that horse trails are maintained...horses are a part of the history and culture.
66	We have so many areas in this state set up to do this already. We also need to consider outdoor recreation as well.
67	It is important to preserve these areas. However this should not negate the recreational use of the property
68	I could see some type of history center there.
69	This can be done with kiosks or trail signs or volunteers to help keep costs down.

70	Guided tours by naturalists.
71	While this is important I believe it to be less than the recreational use of the land.
72	Post informational historical facts on the Badger Army Ammunitions Plant and other facts from that time.
73	Horses are very much a part of our cultural history in the settlement of Wisconsin. It might be possible to develop demonstration days of early pioneer life, using horses much like what is done at Old World Wisconsin on the eastern side of the state. This would help attract people to the site.
74	Get high school children/college students/Eagle Scouts? 4-H groups involved in researching/writing about/providing activities for some type of credit.
75	Please include equestrian trail.
76	Make the Badger Reuse Plan stronger.
77	Horse trails
78	Run trails past these sights and do interpretive signage for hikers to read.
79	Turn it into something like Old World Wisconsin. You could have it set up where people could horse back thru trails and thru the history of the land as they did back in time.
80	a plaque and web information should be sufficient
81	I am interested in learning more about the rich history of the area and I believe that equine access should have equal inclusion along with other recreational uses.
82	Native American life included horses
83	Surely part of the old plant could be a museum as well as Native American designated areas too.
84	Yes, this does need to be done. Horse trails can easily go around these special areas.
85	When I was in Mexico I visited an ecopark. What I thought was interesting was that as you walked the trails various artifacts from the regions cultural history could be found in among tree's and in open area's. The reproductions included things like corn grinders, pretend camp sites, ect. It was a fun way to get the feel for the history of the site.
86	Are there any plans for a small museum/visitor center? I think it would be great for visitors to get an idea of the history of the area and understand the cultural resources you are protecting.
87	Ashes to ashes. Return the land to what was there 200 years ago: good hunting land. And a shooting range.
88	This is a great idea, history will help us learn and respect the past.

89	An interpretive timeline would be a great way to display and share the important history of this area.
90	Geological and tell the story of the horse as an indigenous species too! Civil War & WW1 history of the horseAgriculture state and horse as part of that historyHo chunk and horse connection & history of uses of sameshared use trails for horses and others a must to tell the history correctly!
91	Limiting uses of the land to conservation and low impact uses will respect and embrace the cultural history of the land by protecting the species valued by Native American culture and tradition.
92	Provide history of area.
93	Utilize educational signs along hiking trails.
94	Fudning should be limited for maintaining the old ammunition buildings. One or two could be left, if there are not already gone. Don't dwell on keeping those buildings. ALso, there are plenty of other tourist type Native American and Euro American settlement sites around WI. Don't spend big money on another one of these, so it can cost funds later.
95	I guess that goes back to the roads being left open and kiosks set up along the way for viewing.
96	the educational facility could be designed to incorporate all of these elements.
97	This doesn't seem like a goal statement.
98	Yes, we should definitely preserve significant sites, but not the unreasonable exclusion of recreational use. The priority should be to maximize recreation.
99	I dont know, museum? wildlife education center?
100	Horses were very much a part of the live of Native Americans and the early Euro-American settlers. It would be nice to see this historical mode of travel restored on these lands.
101	Please have information available for the public, as well as signage throughout the park pointing out points of interest
102	I would suggest working closely with the indians to find a path that satisfies both (no casinos please) They have be wonderful stewards of the forestry in Northern Wisconsin.
103	INSTALL HISTORICAL MARKERS AND SIGNS .EVERYONE LIKES MARKERS .
104	History of the Badger Ammunition plant needs to be on display some way. I think a nice visitors center and gathering shelter could highlight the grounds.
105	Have a visitor center with this information.

106	I am unsure of how much of the original building is left, or how intensive building for the history would be, though I would point to Forestville, MN and the small street as part of their trail that they have preserved there as one idea of how preserving a part of history creates a wonder in a park that adds history to the already natural beauty as an asset. It is a bit like Old World Wisconsin, in that volunteers come there on certain days to open the old historic buildings and are dressed in period garb. I think that if you could have the parts that are preserved, possibly including some buildings that are reconstructed for different eras, it would be a great benefit to include that horse could be ridden to and through these areas including hitching posts. It would be an especially unique draw if there were water trough there, restroom and store. Again, I will bring up Lapham Peak, if a warming house were there, couldn't it be constructed to represent the period and also be a historical display?
107	Preserve some of the infrastructure of the Badger Munitions Plant using buildings for visitor centers and history tours. Have viewing areas with interpretative information on identified cultural sites and allow use of the facilities historical reenactments while not excluding other recreational opportunities.
108	I'm tellin' ya, Horse Trails. Come on, seriously. Horse trails.
109	incorporate the museum into the park
110	A museum or building would be nice for the public to learn about the area.
111	Agree with statement, no additions/suggestions
112	I find this important and a small portion(s) of the property should be designated for this purpose.
113	I think you covered this well in the draft plan.
114	It would be a positive impact on the local economy by having trails for multiple uses.
115	KEEP OUT THE NRA. PROTECT THE WATERSHED of the Devil's Lake Basin. Gosh, just get man to respect nature, a generational view. We a such a 12 seconds ago society.
116	N/A
117	We agree with Item # 5.
118	A cohesive management approach will best serve to augment all of these aspects of this land by keeping these characteristics alive in the persons of the managers themselves, they being decedents of the historical stakeholders.
119	See comment #2
120	I have no particular thoughts.
121	Include recognition of the role of horses.
122	Signs or other displays related to certain sites that give a history of that particular section.
123	Tasteful storyboards and educational opportunities provided with minimal impact on the environment and vistas identifying significant sites.

124	These sites should be developed so visitors can access by auto thru perimeter rd much like the open house tours. NO expansion for ATV's or rifle ranges
125	Use Option 4.
126	yes, fine.
127	A museum as stated in the plan is a good idea.
128	A visitor center similar to the Northern Great Lakes visitor center that shows the history of the land and the people and provides an area for people to walk around and learn about the environment.
129	Education opportunities, possibly re-enactments
130	Fine as proposed. Keep signs to a minimum; perhaps do this through a visitor center.
131	I support the revisions proposed by the BOMC as part of Alternative 4.
132	I support this approach
133	Keep the area for non motorized use and gun free!!!
134	Parts of the park can be left as historically significant areas, also.
135	The geological history of this area is particularly interesting as is the use by Native Americans and early Euro- farmers. See #6 below...
136	This is perfectly stated.
137	Yes, we fully support this.
138	Build a museum at the entrance showcasing the history.
139	cultural resource preservation statement is good
140	Educational waypoints in a trail system can provide knowledge and insight to the area's history. Self-guided discovery education provides a basis for informing land users of the land history. Guided tours and history events can also be effective to promote the natural land use and history.
141	Have American native educators and spokespersons at various spots along the trails to educate interested parties as to their contribution to Wisconsin's history. Most folks know little about it!!!!
142	important to preserve.
143	Museum sites that show the progression of use of the site.
144	Please include a network of single track trails to accommodate mountain bikers, runners, and hikers as well as snow shoe enthusiasts and fat bikes in the winter.

145	This is a lower priority. It is so broad it could limit flexibility in the future to a narrow agenda now.
146	I fully endorse these goals but keeping the impact low on the eco system
147	Again as horse riders, we can take the time to stop and look at the history as we ride.
148	Preserving land and educating about ancient use of that land by Native Americans. Possible exhibits, or a living museum.
149	Significant sites should be identified and preserved. This should not hinder access to the land for recreational use though.
150	Be sure to discuss the safety of the area, after the decommissioning of the ammunitions plant.
151	Have timelines at key points - entrance, at appropriate sites - spaced throughout the walking/hiking areas.
152	Horse trails and education facility showing the history of the plant and its use during the wars. As well as the history of the 3 cemeteries and what used to be small towns.
153	I support educating public about the regions historical use.
154	Keep some of the more important BAAP buildings with a walking tour, so people can see what the area was used for. And perhaps an auto tour for those cannot or don't like to walk.
155	none
156	This is very good. Adding a historical perspective to the land is important Thank you for including the Native American history.
157	Yes
158	Native American historical, educational use; early Wisconsin settler educational
159	SO, HAVE A CULTURAL LEARNING CTR. IN ONE OF THE BUILDINGS ALREADY THERE.
160	A few trail markers and signs, along with some sort of museum.
161	A tribute to our Native Americans and Early settlers would be ideal. What an exciting chance for people to learn about history!
162	Adopt the Oversight Management Commission's Alternative #4.
163	All cemeteries should be preserved, intact.
164	Already done?
165	Assure that people have access to these sights by way of trails and roads but also protect them as vital to the area's story. Story boards, previous property markers.

166	Cycling has rich history in the Badger Army Ammunitions Plant for transportation. Cycling has rich history in the Badger Army Ammunitions Plant for Badger State Games competitions.
167	Give the land back to the families or heirs to those that had it taken away from them back in 1942.
168	GOOD
169	have some area like old world wisconsin
170	Historic tours without the use of ATV.
171	History is important to see where we have evolved from and create a memory for those who held this property
172	I am very much in favor!
173	I feel the history of Badger is good and needs to be Known, so if there is a building built for information on the history that is OK.
174	I see no good reason to preserve the are's use as a war-time ammunition plant. I also do not favor the area as a type of museum, as the question implies.
175	I strongly support the efforts of the Badger History Group. The history of the property is very unique and should be emphasized. I feel that the Badger History is equal or more important than the Circus history and a joint venture with DNR, State Historical Society, and Local Historical Societies including the Badger History Group is of paramount importance.
176	I think we need to utilize people that have a history with Badger to share their stories. Collecting photographs and having a written account of these events and then having areas where they can be viewed by the general public.
177	I would love it if there were ATV trails, there are PLENTY of areas for all the ducks (aka wildlife) on the lake, fields etc, look at a air photo of southwest wis. its all a large habitat !!
178	If you really want to give the land back to who it belongs to, it was all taken away from the Native Americans in the first place. Otherwise, the next people who should be allowed to turn this property down, are the families who held title to it. I am not sure why Dairy Forage ended up with so much of this property. It makes no sense for them to have this.
179	incorporate BOMC Alternative #4 with Ho-Chunk Nation and Badger History Group plans
180	It would be nice to have replica structures that share the story of how prior settlements lived, farmed and their transportation availabilities. Travelers and visitors to the area enjoy living history. Incorporating life size structures that kids can go in and see different structures would make the recreation area a desitination.
181	land marks and walking trails to view nature.
182	Low impact uses in accordance with the reuse plan agreed upon ten years ago.

183	Move the airport there.
184	no suggestion - this is a sound goal
185	Not nessesary
186	Protect cemeteries, native American sites, and provide for historical displays of the past uses of the site.
187	Provide self-guided trails, interpretive sites, etc. State does not have resources to man these area. Perhaps hold special events, etc. during year to help support financially and encourage use of areas.
188	see response from #1
189	Sounds like a noble goal.
190	The creation of the ammo plant is important, as is the design and operation, etc. It involves the removal of 80 farm families in a time of national emergency.
191	The museum that's there to tell the history of the uses at Badger along with the history of all previous occupants would be great. Signs pointing many areas and there use would also be good.
192	This is a good statement, but should be extended to include the positive community-based conservation effort that resulted in the Badger Reuse Plan, and the current partnership to oversee the reuse of the Badger lands.
193	This is appropriate
194	This type of information would be useful for a full appreciation of creation and past uses of this important resource.
195	Very important to understand and show the history of the land - but that is not sustainable and if overdone won't draw enough people to continue to support and enjoy the land.
196	Whatever is left to preserve after the plant should be. Preserve dose not mean protect. So if it can still be utilized beneficially think it should in what ever aspect.
197	While this is relevant, it should not be the driving force.
198	YES THIS SHOULD BE DONE
199	Yes. This area has so much history and should be preserved in an on-sight vistor's center.
200	I don't believe this is necessary.
201	Allow the Ho-Chunk Nation tell us the history of their peoples and the story of the land. Let us all learn.
202	Continue to return the prairie grass areas and make it wildlife safe. Extend Devils lake Hiking and camping areas.

203	Create a small homestead that would have been the first in the area. One representing native Americans who called this home and then the white settlers.
204	Geological history, site history are important. Native American life not so much anymore as those items are just down the road in Baraboo/Lake Delton as a 'casino'.
205	have buffalo roaming, or a zoo
206	I agree with this vision
207	I agree.
208	I would love to see the long history of this site revealed to visitors in a way that will engage them and without trading off the ecological role of the land.
209	Identify and care for the natural Indian mounds and grave sites of prior residents. Since the ammo plant is such a huge part of the history of this property continue the clean-up but also allow some of the structures to remain as teaching facilities.
210	It would be interesting, maybe a building by the entrance encompassing it all, but not what i'd be there for.
211	no comment
212	Tell the story to all who enter the area. The most cost-effective would be a sign much like historical sites along the road. A building would need to be maintained and cared for.
213	The Badger Reuse Plan addresses cultural resource preservation in detail and should serve as the DNR's primary guide.
214	The existing cemeteries, Badger history building
215	As far as Euro-American settlement what was there before Badger Ammo Plant ???? It would be preferable to erase the memory of that war endeavor !!
216	Easily accomplished by looking at other parks' successful footprints...go with other's successes and make it easier and less expensive!
217	hmmm..... I would guess this encompasses many groups : historical societies and environmental clean-up.
218	I concur with this objective.
219	Include information about the village of Chief Blackhawk's father and the extensive agricultural use by Native Americans.
220	Don't go too much into this. The history is nice, but not too much emphasis on this, since the trend for this land now is for recreational activities.
221	Periodic walks and events that address these histories.
222	Possible

223	Provide designated trails with informational signage.
224	A public shooting range would be the best way to use this property
225	I dont know enough about the area, but if signage was put up that educated the public about the historical and geological significance of areas near there, it would help promote the area
226	I would concur with this almost verbatim.
227	no opinion
228	again, horses were an integral part of the Indian and early settler's history and should be included in a train system throughout the property.as a tourist destination, you might even consider a rental, guided tour stable lease.
229	Excellent
230	Good idea.
231	How will the pollution from the plant be managed?
232	Preserving the cultural and historically relavent locations can be obtained without limiting the areas potential as a significant recreational destination.
233	Should be addressed without restricting recreational use of the land.
234	Significant cultural sites should be preserved but not at the limitation of recreational interests. Again the use of this land for the past several decades did not consider past cultural resources so a balance should be obtained as the land is repurposed.
235	Comfortable with this
236	Have landmarks in the areas of the properties storyline.
237	This is a must and as we travel this country are often make the most interesting stops.
238	We agree.
239	historical tourism?
240	Leave a few buildings standing and have historical information as to what went on in these buildings during the war. The Mississippi Rover Museum in Dubuque has done this with shipbuilding and shipping on the River.
241	Adopt Alternative 4 which reflects the goals of the 2001 Badger Reuse Plan.
242	Are there any sacred areas as relates to the Native American or Euro-American settlement?
243	As above. A visitor center with input from State Historical Society would be good.

244	Cultural resource preservation is essential at this site. The site has a multilayered history that should be properly interpreted with a visitors' center and opportunities to visit significant sites across the property.
245	The historical aspect could be an important use of some of the land, especially close to the road way.
246	This is great!
247	To support #5, the area needs to be maintained in as natural a state as possible. Motorized recreational vehicles can not be allowed and still support Cultural Resource Preservation.
248	Yes having a Native American presence and influence would be great.
249	A public shooting range would be a big draw to the area and fit in perfectly with the properties history.
250	Access to/around the Badger Munitions Plant should be only by trail.
251	Cultural and historical interpretation of this site should be an important recreational and educational resource. Oops, I see point six is headed in that direction!
252	good
253	living history museum
254	No suggestions
255	No suggestions
256	Please consider a self-guided, multi-use trail network thwt includes informational kiosks and markers to aid in significant storytelling opportunities.
257	The buildings left standing at the front of the property should be renovated as a historical museum. The artifacts currently on display in the main building are extremely interesting, and this display could be expanded.
258	The Native Americans, the families who were displaced, the local community and state residents should be honored in the ways they prefer. Follow the intent and the plan developed with all stakeholders. The DNR plan is insulting. Stop this plan now and apologize.
259	This can be done in a building at the front gate to allow for the rest of the area to be used by other groups.
260	We can see how our Native American brothers and sisters lived here before we made our marks.
261	A worthy goal if emphasizes 19th century history and before.
262	Agree with this goal

263	An interpretive trail would be nice
264	BOMC Alternative 4 outlines considerations for cultural resource preservation. The property's history and geographic location is story worth telling and alternative 4 recommends a visitor center with interpretation and educational opportunities that recognize and honor the Ho-Chunk Nation history and displacement, the Euro-American history and displacement, and the story of the Badger Army Ammunitions Plant.
265	Do not permit a rifle range.
266	Give the Native Americans control over a large segment of the property with appropriate restriction of us that will permit them to graze, hunt, and provide teaching activities for the rest of us about cultures that preceded our modern culture
267	I agree with this, although I don't think that preserving the design and operation of the Badger Army Ammunitions Plant is very important.
268	I am not informed about this issue.
269	I particularly would like emphasis on Native American use of the Great Sauk Prairie and it's support of a permanent town at the site of Prairie du Sac, on the river.
270	It is important that the Ho-Chunk nation approve of any DNR plans with the BAAP site. The original agreement stated that the site would be managed as a single unit.
271	no gun ranges or ATVs
272	ok
273	Preserve them and restrict public access. If they are available openly and easy to locate, they will undoubtedly be defaced.
274	protect native American sites, protect a quiet environment
275	Sites as described above should be preserved and hiking trails should be developed with the purpose of allowing low-impact (i.e.,foot) traffic to these sites. Educational signs should be erected along the hiking trails to tell these stories to trail users.
276	Build off the work done ten years ago, and engage historians, local communities, and particularly tribal leaders in this process.
277	Definitely, identifying and preserving native american cultural and heritage sites should be of highest priority.
278	Educational and informational placards and overlooks.
279	Historical markers would be great to see to mark out the various points of interest. The Ammo Plant opened up last fall and had an overview of the history of the area. Preserving these points of interest would be important to keeping the stories of the past prominent to the park. Maintaining any of the existing structures would be as good as it could get for preservation. I personally find it unfortunate that so many of the Badger Ammunitions Plant had to be leveled.

280	I support this
281	Interpretive markers seem consistent with this initiative.
282	Perhaps some interpretive sites to explain Native American heritage and early settler moves into the area.
283	Sounds good
284	The potential for Badger to provide an example of how agriculture and conservation can (and inherently must) work together based on local involvement for the good of Wisconsin's land, water, wildlife, people, economy, and future should not be undervalued.
285	These educational goals are all admirable; however, the amount of land area devoted to them should be very limited in scope and placed in areas near the borders of the area along existing roadways or access points.
286	This is OK.
287	This sounds like a good approach.
288	Yes, by all means! County and State historical societies to support.
289	All of these sites should be preserved, unless doing so would affect restoration efforts focusing on habitat and species preservation, which seems fairly unlikely. Both the importance of preserving these sites and the efforts being made to do so should be well publicized to the extent time and resources allow.
290	This is actually a cool idea and I think it would add a lot to the park, as a Park more in line with the National Parks, if that's what they're aiming for.
291	I do not see the need to tell the story of the munitions plant. It was a bad thing and should only be remembered so that it is not repeated. If there are geologic and early settlement areas to protect then as that is your job, do it. Allow public access only if it will not compromise the sites.
292	Providing tours like history of the area may help a lot!
293	Cultural history signage at the parking area. Nothing more.
294	Have a nature center that features the ho chunk, Ammo plant and glaciation.
295	Signs highlighting the native peoples who occupied the land prior to modern settlement would behoove the public.
296	There are buildings on the property that could be used as interpretive and learning centers.
297	Archaeological surveys!
298	Interpretive signs at various important areas (like the former homesteads on this land) would be perfect.

299	No suggestions
300	Place-based tours and scavenger hunts that feature geo-located historical and cultural resources that people can visit using smart phones apps
301	Please de-emphasize the use of the property for ammunition manufacture. That use, and the plant's subsequent decommissioning, are merely a blip on the timeline. At most, they deserve footnote status.
302	Provide public horse trails
303	This is a very important historical piece to the project. Please ensure that it is done properly, perhaps through the Wisconsin Historical Society.
304	BOMC Alternative 4
305	Do not allow site to become used for ATV trails and shooting ranges.
306	Good
307	Horse trails.
308	Be sure to preserve those sites.
309	Consider keeping some of the barracks for use for group camping and historic reminder of our cold war history.
310	Cultural/park center building
311	Devils lake already does these just keep it going!
312	Efforts to preserve significant sites and to tell the story of the property are important to me, but should not restrict recreational use.
313	I do not see how significant sites could not be preserved and identified while still not restricting the recreational use of the land. Both could and should be accomplished.
314	Recreational use of the land should not sacrifice the cultural resource preservation of the land and vise a versa. The large size of the land allows for both preservation and recreation.
315	The ammunition plant I assume would be made into some sort of a museum?
316	There is no evidence of this property ever being used for these purposes. If, during construction of the other proposed facilities, evidence is uncovered of such a history, this aspect could be included. Otherwise, delete it.
317	good
318	Significant sites should and MUST identified and preserved. That said, it shouldn't exclude recreational use of the land. The priority should be to maximize recreational use of the site while preserving significant cultural features.

319	The proposals included in Alternative 4 seem to best reflect the 2001 Badger Reuse Plan, an agreement still in effect which was entered into by 21 representatives of local, state, federal and tribal units of government as well as neighboring landowners, businesses, school districts and nonprofits.
320	Very important is construction of a historical center at the site.
321	I have no suggestions, but really like this idea.
322	Could you combine educational sites in a walking tour type setting. Maybe parameter bike and horse trails with walking trails interior. A native American educational experience would be nice and needed to preserve the culture.
323	Stick to your original goal as outlined here.
324	A portion of the Ammunition Plant could be saved as a historical interest. The majority of the operation could be razed. I am in favor of limiting any new development.
325	All precious info applies here as well.
326	I have lived in the Portage area for my entire life. The Badger Plant area has always intrigued me and fascinated me as I know it has many others. I would love to see a few buildings left if it can be done in a safe manner for the purposes of historical context. I also recognize that this can create new maintenance problems, invite vandalism, and cause other issues.
327	Signage to identify these areas and points of interest would be great--along with a short narrative. The signs should blend in with nature and be designed with this in mind. Creative and artistic signs would be very special in this area.
328	Yes, we must be reminded of how the land has been used in the past. But, do not forget the people who need to use it in a different way into the future.
329	have histical markers at site.
330	Grassland restoration is the best option to preserve cultural resources along with signage.
331	A museum or signage about the history of Badger and Native Americans would be good.
332	A museum?
333	A visitor's center and / or informational kiosks that are visually consistent with the lay of the land, in size and style [similar to those at national parks] might meet this goal. A walking tour pamphlet with numbered sites / descriptions of geological history, native American life, etc. Utilize technology that allows people to use their cell phones, etc. to access a guided tour eliminating paper.
334	Again, sounds good. Would have been interesting to have a bison herd but not in the cards.
335	Agree
336	Allow access to grave sites only.

337	Amen! Bringing back the scene that greeted the first settlers - the huge Sac settlement, them not realizing where this interaction will ead.
338	By all means native as well as immigrant cultures.
339	Create a settlement type village for tours.This would generate some tourism revenue for the area.
340	Create a visitors center to educate people or visitors of the vast history of the area.
341	easily include topics of history in the design & layout of the shooting range.
342	Equestrian area
343	Have a well equipped visitor center.
344	Have small signs denoting where these places were.
345	Historic displays built in a way to prevent vandalism are always great to stop at and enjoy.
346	I always enjoy keeping the human history alive at these places....we do the same at Devil's Lake
347	I am in favor of preserving and telling this storyline. It is one of generations, issues of the time, potential, opportunity and outcomes.
348	I am not sure how you propose to do this unless you are thinking of having a museum like the Crane foundation does to focus on the history or some trails marked with information signage explaining past history. Who would pay for these improvements and who would run them?
349	I appreciate the historical narratives behind all things. What I don't appreciate is when theory is presented as fact...which seems to be common in this state. Just a plea to be truthful in the story telling...especially as it relates to geological and human history.
350	I feel the Native Americans need to have a strong role and control of some of the available lands. However, I would need to study this subject in more detail before having a strong final opinion.
351	I like the idea, and am for more education, I don't have a great suggest for new things here.
352	I think having trails to places of interest and signs indicating what's important would help
353	I think that cultural resource preservation is essential to the development of the site, history and heritage is a good thing.
354	Let science and education again be the guide, not private enterprise and thrill seekers. Allow and construct viewing areas for the public at sites of anthropological value. Florida has done this at old Spanish/native/antebellum sites and it is AWESOME!
355	Let the Baraboo historical society create historical sites.

356	maintain the integrity of the sites Native American history and the history of those american settlers who once lived there. Design the property as a multi use functional property with all ideas.
357	No additional suggestions.
358	No comment
359	No comments
360	Not much to conserve here. Was farmed and then torn up to construct the powder plant. We need some part of it added back to the tax base.
361	OK
362	On target.
363	Perhaps a historical site? As in a native village or early town reenactment?
364	Preservation of the local cemeteries and the remains of a historic farm on the badger land are paramount.
365	Recognize the need to address the farmers that lost their land in order for the powder plant to have been built and now turned back to the public.
366	Reconstruct some of the key buildings
367	Rifle marksmanship is a skill that helped create this great country that we live in. Marksmanship develops virtues such as patience, honesty, attention to detail, persistence, self control.
368	Same
369	See # 4
370	The Fox Indians had it before HO-Chunk. See past comments
371	there are plenty of books. If you left some building up then great if not then too late to ask now.
372	This is an ecologically significant area. Let's keep it that way!
373	This is ok.
374	This should not trump the environmental issues.
375	This would be wonderful and again have some ability to express this educational opportunity to the communities.
376	True history is important so why was the sign removed stating the fight between the Fox Indians (who were there first) and the Winnebagos who came and drove and took the land.

377	Use place markers with descriptions on hiking trails for those exploring the land to learn. Also, providing maps with located areas (geo-located).
378	Walking paths and areas with limited vehicular access two pictorial and educational monuments would be a great way to explain the history of the area.
379	we must learn to enhance what is there, become knowledgeable and work together.
380	Work with cultural resources should be for the understanding and appreciation of the rich cultural history of the property from the earliest native inhabitants to the people who worked at Badger Ammo. There is not one storyline but a rich diversity of cultural use of the site.
381	Would be fabulous to include signage allowing for self tour of the storyline.
382	Yes - preserve cultural history and educate the public by providing a visitor center with interpretive displays.
383	Again, here, address other states that have dealt with these same issues and use what best works with our area and our needs as a state.
384	Creating a display that describes the history of the site should do it.
385	Perhaps the Badger Army Ammunition Plant area could be corner marked and developed for the trail horse population for overnight use.
386	That can be addressed in the future planning of the site
387	horses
388	On a small scale only. Don't make it a tourist trap.
389	established horse trails
390	At its regular meeting on August 27, 2013, the board of directors of the Badger History Group voted unanimously to support Alternative 4 as proposed by the Badger Oversight Management Commission for adoption by the Wisconsin DNR.
391	Appropriate signage and markers can be used to present historical artifacts, exhibits, and displays.
392	The Native Americans themselves need to address this, but again, low-impact usage and no hunting and motorized vehicles.
393	This is of high importance.
394	With such a rich Native American history and rural Wisconsin history, both should be highlighted. There are family gravesites there, for example, that tell a story. Incorporating Native American history, whether village of trail to other places, both are important.
395	Horse Back Riding Trails

396	by providing horse trails so people can see how to actually move the boat and the 17 18 hundreds
397	Really? what a waste of time.
398	Another major point
399	As with all State Parks, the future plans should include a building to house the history of this area, to include all years, Native-Americans, settlers, farmers, the construction of Badger Army Ammunition Plant, along with the importance of this. This is not just farm land that was taken away the land was bought, it was also Native American land that was take away.
400	Excellent.
401	Horse back riding is a huge part of the native American history
402	horseback riding trails
403	I agree.
404	Museum
405	There already roads there that can be used as trails, Parking lots that can hold trucks and trailers are already there.
406	Wouldn't this be a great place to construct a space where people can overnight camp with their horses!!! Perhaps a people only camping area with additional hiking trails, just for them.
407	Ban motorized vehicles with the exception of service vehicles. If you don't have the balls to ban them, then restrict them to the perimeter of the Park.
408	Horses were a big part of Native American life & history. Trail riding on the property would be in character.
409	Post them off.
410	Horses do not harm the landscape or aesthetics of the land. Horses are part of the whole Native American history of the area. Horses played a significant part during times of War. Horseback riding just fits.
411	A musuem to pre, during and after Badger....I know there is one already add to it!
412	Again, a visitor center with photos of the history, samples of rocks and plants, some explanation of Ho Chunk culture, the early settlers and the ammunition plant years.
413	As a descendant of one of the farm families that was displaced by the ammunition plant, I would like to possibly see markers showing where the various homesteads were. I have often driven by the powder plant and wondered where in the vast plant was the farm where my dad grew up. I would just like to be able to see where it was. I know that there are concrete steps, sidewalks and foundations in some areas yet, and I have often wondered where their house was located.

414	Could you put in a Visitor Center that would have photos of the old farms and the ammo plant years? It could also have info about Native American history and geology.
415	I agree with this as our state heritage needs to be maintained
416	It would have been nice to keep some of the significant buildings from the Badger Plant as a historical record of the facility. Any remaining buildings should be kept and preserved for the history of Badger.
417	Keep it wild life only. This land is much more valuable to me, my children and grand children if it is restored to the way nature intended it. You're the Department of NATURAL Resources. ATV's and shooting ranges have nothing whatsoever to do with preserving natural resources. Keep your promise and do your job by protecting the natural resources for the people of WI.
418	Keeping the cemeteries in good shape, maintain the resivours, and maybe set up a good museum.
419	The history of this area is a very important aspect and should be maintained.
420	This is included in BOMC Alternative 4.
421	Permanent but low maintenance educational pods detailing the geological and human cultural history of the given landscape.
422	I believe we should highlight all aspects of Badger history, from early geology to Prairie restoration. My personal dream is to reestablish a working farm fully in keeping with materials, equipment and methods from the 1940's removal period.
423	This area is rich in geological history as well as Native American culture.
424	The geology of the region should be preserved and explained via an education center
425	Horse Trails
426	I support BOMC Alternative 4.
427	some review of the history of man's use of the land would be useful, but the main focus should be on what the land was like before settlement
428	Designate an area or monies for outdoor art.
429	Significant sites should be identified and preserved, but not to the extent that it unreasonably restricts recreational use of the land. The priority should be to maximize recreational use of the site while preserving significant cultural features.
430	public access.
431	Post signs identifying different plants and geologic formations to educate the public
432	Horses were a significant part of the history and settlement of the area.

433	Horses were the vehicle all of these groups used to make their mark in history... shouldn't the horse be honored as well?
434	Sounds good.
435	I am so glad you plan to preserve this important history.
436	an opportunity to educate all about past and heritage
437	List native plants and their uses esp. native food plants that Indians and pioneers ate
438	Horseback riding trails
439	The geological history & sites can more directly be enjoyed via carriage or horseback. Not to mention, more people may come to appreciate these qualities more than the Native Americans were drawn to. Thus, appreciation of our state's history can be more intimately enjoyed, in a natural way.
440	Horse trails would be a logical connection to the geological history, native American life and Euro American settlement. Horses have always been a part of history.
441	This was an active ammunition manufacturing factory/testing area. This is not the shrine at Fatama!
442	The Native Americans should be a part of the process with an emphasis on the diverse and cultural history of their past.
443	We should identify and preserve our cultural heritage while at the same time maximize our recreational opportunities at this site.
444	Museum of the former plant
445	These interests are not in my bailiwick and I do not feel qualified to comment.
446	preserve a few buildings to use as museums with the story of the land and its uses to date.
447	Include information on history of site.
448	This area is rich in opportunities for users to make connections to Wisconsin's past as well as their own histories, whether they are Wisconsinites or visitors from out of state. See above.
449	OK
450	Well planned trail systems allow deeper penetration into such sites.
451	I would like to see native signs displayed with information relating to what the area's past was all about. I also would like to see signs showing visitors what type of wildlife is in the area and what and how to observe them without invading their personal space.
452	ecological zoo

453	Perhaps rest areas with educational materials or plaques
454	Many Conservation clubs host muzzle loader shoots and reenactments which could be done here as well.
455	A firearms training facility would allow citizens from nearby communities to enjoy the outdoors while learning about the history of the Badger Ammo plant.
456	horse trails
457	Take a look at Kickapoo Valley--nice educational building and nice trails.
458	The area where the Ammunitions plant was located would make and excellent admissions entrance with lots of ample parking for all recreational users including large horse trailers that need ample room to navigate. In addition, it has easy access off of the highway.
459	this place is definatily history. both of my parents worked there and i have heard endless stories about it.its really interesting.my father has passed but my mother still lives , she loves to talk about working there and would really love to see it again before she passes. shes 80 yrs old now.
460	I strongly support the idea of the Ho-Chunk to turn part of the area into a Bison Commons. Wow, an incredible part of our past that was obliterated by human activity. Now we have the chance to bring it back.
461	That would be a great thing. The visitors center could have a small musem to explain the history of the property and the people who lived and worked there.
462	Use the identified cultural sites and history as working and educational aspects of recreational uses developed on the property. Various recreational uses developed for the site property could include the cultural history in the specific recreational activity, such as wildlife habitat and hiking areas, or specific shooting areas for culturally specific weapon types.
463	What better way to preserve the site and to provide for historical interpretation through traditional transportation for the native americans as well as the european settlers of the 1800's. Why not go one better and provide an area for young people to study the past settlements of both native americans and settlers. Both utilized horses extensively.
464	This is all rather insignificant to me. That we provide the best habitat for wild plants and animals is really all that matters to me. This history is only an account of human insanity and from the view point of all other species other than humans, it doesn't mean a thing. It's their (the wildlife's) land, lets treat it as such.
465	Horse trails use only the area of the trail and would be educational for riders to see and use the area.
466	OK
467	A nature center and trail markers would help educate users of the park.
468	being a combat vet and La Coutrey Chippewa I respect the former use of these lands. and look forward to expanding on its history and future.

469	This may be a controversial issue for some people because a major segment of cultural history has been removed, i.e. the family farm homesteads removed to build the BAAP. Still, it is a short period in historical time and it is part of the story that needs to be told. Just across the river is Wisconsin Heights Battlefield and that is part of history that needs to be told also. I know much of the ammunition equipment has been removed for salvage. Some of the equipment would be of interest to see and understand what goes into and how ammunition is made.
470	All the plans sound exciting to me - back to nature
471	ATV trails, horse trails, shooting ranges
472	BOMC Alternative #4 specifically provides for cultural resource preservation.
473	Incorporate an historical/educational component.
474	Kiosks or form a friends group
475	Native Americans traveled on foot and horse back. Would be a shame to leave out a big part of their history.
476	Abortion clinic
477	Can the history of this site be incorporated in trail organization and tourism?
478	Labeling and signage of these sites might help.
479	Preserving main buildings that are not in a state of beyond repair and utilize these buildings as resource centers.
480	Although, the historical recognition of the area as the Badger Army Ammunitions Plant has some historical significance, it is hard to imagine a way to bring this into play. As far as Native American and Euro-American archeological sites, the focus should be on preservation for scientific and sacred understanding. Focus should be more on informational dissemination that doesn't put the sites in danger of theft, disturbance, or destruction.
481	Somewhere to ride 4-wheelers, side by sides, dirtbikes, etc
482	Preserving historical sites gives all peoples opportunities to enjoy the beauty of the surroundings.
483	The plant is still part of our history and should be incorporated.
484	It's important for people in Wisconsin and the Midwest to understand and appreciate the unique and varied history of the site, including the sacrifices made by the local farmers who were forced to surrender their homes and lands for the ammunition plant. It's also important to inform the public about the important role the plant played in providing munitions for Allied troops in WW II, Korea and Vietnam. This requires the use of mass media and presenting educational programs to various groups and organizations.
485	The ammunitions plant is part of the history. Some reference should be maintained to educate young people for future use.

486	There are cultural sites within the property that should be preserved, however, this should not exclude the rest of the property for other uses.
487	With proper study and planning, horseback riding trails can be set up away from these sites that are so important to our history.
488	Cultural sites should be preserved, but they should not unreasonably restrict use of the entire area.
489	From Manifest Destiny to Eminent Domain , now is time to give this property back to those who care about it the most. This notion that hunters are great conservationists is really inaccurate and another form of overreach by a particular political party.
490	Same as above, perhaps including written brochures made available at the trail head(s) and online. Some may be more inclined to read about the history of the area ahead of time when planning their visit, and having the information available online would enable that. Detailed trail maps should also be available online
491	This goal fits well with the educational goal. Users of the recreational area could learn about it's cultural and historical significance while enjoying the trails.
492	ask for public input that would provide public and family records that could enhance stories and historical value of such locations or sites.
493	I think the importance of the BAAP during the wars needs to be included.
494	Just as ecological management and recreational opportunities are not exclusive it is possible to respect Native American life, and preserve the cultural resources and history of the area while providing balanced recreation opportunities.
495	The cultural history of this site is important, and important historical features should be preserved such that they may be enjoyed by the future users of this property. Care should be taken, however, that historical preservation does not unduly restrict the recreational use of the land. Just as our collective history has changed the way this land has been used in the past, we must allow for its use to be changed as suitable for our current and future needs.
496	I don't have any suggestion.
497	Information plaques along the trails that point out areas of interest, self guided tour brochures.
498	OHM (off highway motorcycle) trail system/park
499	Significant sites should be identified and preserved, but not to the extent that it unreasonably restricts recreational use of the land. The priority should be to provide recreational use of the site while preserving significant cultural features.
500	Significant sites should be identified and preserved, but not to the extent that it unreasonably restricts recreational use of the land. The priority should be to maximize recreational use of the site while preserving significant cultural features.

501	Again, I think information posted at the sites is the best way to educate people on the history and how the last was used in the past.
502	Cultural resource preservation shouldn't be used as an excuse to limit recreation opportunities.
503	Certain significant sites should be preserved. This can be accomplished along with a recreational focus for the overall site.
504	Significant sites should be identified and preserved, but not to the extent that it unreasonably restricts recreational use of the land. The priority should be to maximize recreational use of the site while preserving significant cultural features.
505	make it a priority to protect and preserve any native american sites on the property
506	Significant sites should be identified and preserved, but not to the extent that it unreasonably restricts recreational use of the land
507	I am not familiar with the area so I cannot comment.
508	The plan sounds right on point.
509	Would like to see a history building site with attention to all parties - and include the cemeteries - all who are buried there. - Again, see comments about the families who were displaced for the war effort, and those killed.
510	These issues can be addressed while including motorized recreation.
511	The history of the area should be preserved and made available for all to study.
512	Excellent. Part of what makes this site so cool is the strangeness of the built environment from WWII. Definitely need to highlight Native American history, too.
513	Designate certain lands as the Sauk Prairie Wilderness Area.
514	During the BAdger Reuse Committee meetings, the vision of a museum with interpretive trails was discussed and seemed to be compatible and education. The historic cemeteries warrant preservation and protection. The entire property is a geological gem and the prairie remnants are priceless.