

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Yellowwood State Forest Compartment _2_ Tract _17_ 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 3/7/2014 Comments Received: 3

The table below is a summary of public comments received concerning the draft Resource Management Guide. The public comments received have been reviewed in their entirety and given due consideration summarized in the Division of Forestry response below.

Comment Summary	Division of Forestry Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes State Forest harvests due to global warming, wildlife impacts, invasive species concerns. If harvested then recommends regeneration strategies. • Concern on impact to public roads, traffic safety and invasive species. Suggests more limited harvest to increase tree and forest value as climate stabilizer and recreation resource. • Concerned about potential soil erosion/ sedimentation and proper implementation of BMPs. • Concern of potential impact to Indiana bat and endangered/threatened species. Recommends detailed inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be included in DMG. • Would like more details in the guide as it relates to timber inventories and assessments. Suggests area be left to grow another mgt cycle. • Concern on timeliness of handling public records request. • Concern on range provided of potential volume prescribed for harvest and impact to Indiana bat. • Concern that harvest will encourage invasive species growth. • Concern on terminology used to describe trees is utilitarian in nature. • Opposes prescribed commercial harvest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best management practices are prescribed in the RMG and will be implemented and monitored to address the soil erosion and sedimentation concerns. BMPs will be required of operator and included in timber sales contracts. • Public road concerns will be discussed with forest contractors. • The management guide provides an overview of wildlife and timber resources rather than the full data and details used for guide development. Timber inventory and wildlife data/assessments are available. • Implementation of the RMG will utilize guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat. • Habitats, communities and species are considered as part of the management planning process. Along with field observations, Natural heritage data has been reviewed to check for threatened or endangered bird and wildlife species on or near the management unit. • Public record requests handled according to policy. • RMG prescribes invasive species control work. Area will be monitored for invasive species outbreaks and control measures implemented appropriate for the area. • The prescribed management activities are consistent with silvicultural principles and supported by inventory data and field assessments. • The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.