

**Indiana Department of Natural Resources - Division of Forestry
Resource Management Guide Amendment
Compartment 3 Tract 5
Ferdinand/Pike State Forest**

The most recent management plan drafted for 6310305 had no recommendation given for management of pine. The tract description describes approximately 50 acres of pine within the tract, mostly in the unharvested northern portion of the tract. The likely reason for excluding pine from management was due to the lack of a market for pine at that time. Since then a market has developed and pine management is feasible.

Approximately 10 acres have been identified for a pine opening within this tract. Topography, access, and timber conditions on the ground could dictate marking only a portion of that. The timing for this proposed management is due to current timber marking activity in neighboring tracts 3 and 4. A proposed opening for tract 4 would naturally include this portion of tract 5 since the tract boundaries for 4 and 5 bisect the ridgetop where the pine is located.

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