

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Owen Putnam State Forest Compartment 6 Tract 1 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 11/17/2013 Comments Received: 1

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 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes timber harvest at this time • Concern on potential for soil erosion, sedimentation and effective use of BMPs. • Concern on potential spread of invasive species as result of management activity. • Concern on impacts to recreation users (bike trail). Suggests tracts heavily used for recreation be excluded from the regular harvest cycle. • Suggests allowing large declining Yellow Poplar be allowed to die and become snags instead of harvesting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best management practices 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. DoF will respond to reported BMP departures. • Invasive species presence and control needs are incorporated in the management guide. The primary species of concern is multi flora rose which is widespread in the County. • This bike trail in this tract is lightly. Recreation access will be limited during management operations. Impacts to users are expected to be minimal. • Some declining Tulip Poplar and other trees will not be salvaged and have or will be allowed to develop into wildlife snags where not a safety hazard. • The prescribed management activities are supported by inventory data and field assessments. The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation. |