

**SUMMARY COMMENTS**

**Yellowwood State Forest**      **Compartment 3 Tract 1**      **30 Day Comment Period Ending: 1/16/2014**      **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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned about potential soil erosion and proper implementation of BMPs.</li> <li>• Concern that prescribed management will not increase long term timber and habitat diversity.</li> <li>• Concern on spread of stilt grass and encourages control efforts</li> <li>• Concern that harvest will negatively impact recreational use of tract (horse trail). Encourages balanced approach to habitat and recreation (mixed use management).</li> <li>• Prefers natural mortality be allowed rather than harvest of declining timber.</li> <li>• No commercial harvest should occur until concerns are addressed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RMG notes the site hydrology. 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.</li> <li>• The management guide notes presence of exotic species in the area and includes treatment recommendations (including stiltgrass).</li> <li>• Implementation of the management guide will consider the recreational use of the area. The noted horse trail receives relatively low use and will be temporarily closed during management activity. Mixed uses remain a tract objective.</li> <li>• RMG recommendations support habitat diversity, continued recreational uses and sustainable timber production.</li> <li>• The prescribed management activities are consistent with silvicultural principles and supported by inventory data and field assessments.</li> <li>• The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.</li> </ul>