

**SUMMARY COMMENTS**

**Yellowwood State Forest**      **Compartment 7 Tract 2**      **30 Day Comment Period Ending: 8/25/2013**      **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.

	<b>Division of Forestry Response</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned that management progression does not follow the 2009 Process flow chart.</li> <li>• Concerned about logging impacts on soil erosion and stream sedimentation and BMP implementation</li> <li>• Commentor would like more details than provided in the guide as it relates to wildlife and timber inventories and assessments.</li> <li>• Guide contains no discussion of Indiana bat.</li> <li>• Concerned about broad use of selective harvests creating uneven aged forests across landscape.</li> <li>• Concern on impact to spread of invasive species.</li> <li>• Concerned about terminology used to describe trees and forest conditions.</li> <li>• Challenges some silvicultural assertions</li> <li>• Concerned on impacts to recreation trails. Opposes harvests in these areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Per the Resource Management Process, the flowchart order and timeline are for reference and are approximate. Actual process activities may occur somewhat out of the shown order. Comments received during comment periods are given consideration as part of the overall management process.</li> <li>• Best management practices will be implemented and monitored to address the soil erosion and sedimentation concerns. BMPs include buffers along intermittent streams to reduce soil disturbance. BMPs will be required of operator and included in timber sales contracts.</li> <li>• The management guide provides an overview of wildlife and timber resources rather than full data and details used for guide development. Timber inventory and wildlife data/assessments are available by request.</li> <li>• As standard practice, the Division of Forestry utilizes guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat</li> <li>• DoF will monitor for spread of invasive species and control treatments.</li> <li>• Management guide terminology noted is consistent with the silviculture and forest science and in full context provide valuable guidance to foresters.</li> <li>• The management guide recognizes mixed use management and the temporary impact on the Tecumseh Trail. Trail will be rerouted during management activities.</li> <li>• Prescription includes selective and group selection harvests. Prescriptions are consistent with central hardwoods silviculture and tract findings.</li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trail impacting management activities in the tract are generally limited to once every 15-20 years. Guide supports continued mixed use management.</li></ul> |
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