

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Clark State Forest

Compartment 7 Tract 6

30 Day Comment Period Ending: 2/6/2014

Comments Received: 2

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 commercial harvest of tract at this time. • Opposes logging on public lands • Logging encourages erosion, monocultures and diseases. • Concern that public comments not duly considered. • Contends stand has relatively low stocking. Contends prescribed 'heavy harvest' will reduce tree stocking and impact aesthetics. • Concern on impact to Indiana bat. • Acknowledges pine stratum health decline and recommends they not be harvested. Allow natural forest succession-option 2. • Concern that harvest will encourage invasive species growth. • Concern that harvest will negatively impact recreational use and aesthetics of the Resource Trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments received during public comment periods are reviewed and given due consideration as part of the overall management process. • Contention of low stocking is not supported by inventory data which show true conditions as 'fully stocked'. The prescribed harvest, while reducing stocking, will retain most of the tract in the fully stocked range. Prescribed selection and pine harvest is consistent with silvicultural standards. • Pine stand will be reviewed at time of marking to determine if salvage harvest is practical and appropriate based on current conditions. • 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. • Recreational use of the area will be suspended during management activities. This restriction will likely be less than 6 months in duration. An objective of the Resource Trail is to depict multiple use resource management. This prescription is consistent with that objective. • Prescription recognizing existing invasive species issues and includes monitoring and control measures. • The Division of Forestry will utilize guidance from Indiana Natural Heritage database, the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat and endangered species.