

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Ferdinand State Forest Compartment _4_ Tract _12_ 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 3/7/2014 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"> • Opposes prescribed timber harvest • Concern area not fully recovered from the 1999 harvest. Recommends delaying harvest to monitor regeneration openings. • Concern that harvest will encourage invasive species growth. • Concern on impact to Indiana Bat • Concerned about BMP implementation and logging impacts on soil erosion and sediment delivery to Dry Fork intermittent stream. • Concern on timeliness of handling public records request. • Concern of potential impact to endangered/threatened species. Recommends detailed inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be included in DMG. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2004 harvest covered only 14 acres of the 66 acre tract. Site inventories and assessments document recovery and current conditions. The prescribed management activities are consistent with silvicultural principles and supported by inventory data and field assessments. • Area will be monitored for invasive species outbreaks and control measures implemented appropriate for the area. • 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 • Best management practices will be implemented and monitored to address the soil erosion and sedimentation concerns. RMG specifically notes Dry Fork creek implications. BMPs will be required of operator and included in timber sales contracts. • Public record requests are handled according to policy. • Habitats, communities and species are considered as part of the management planning process. Along with field observations, Natural heritage data are reviewed to check for threatened or endangered bird and wildlife species on or near the management unit. Also, addressed in the DoF Environmental Assessment.