

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Harrison Crawford State Forest **Compartment 30 Tract 11** **30 Day Comment Period Ending: 9/9/2013** **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.

	Division of Forestry Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned that management progression does not follow the 2009 Process flow chart. • Concern for endangered or threatened species. Recommends inventory of birds and other wildlife prior to management activities. • Concern on impact to cave habitats due to sinkhole and karst features of the tract. • Concern on impact to Indiana bat • Notes that old growth forests are not present in the tract or its vicinity. Notes attention given to early successional habitat, but not old growth. • Concerned about impact to Adventure Hiking Trail and hiker experience. • Concerned about potential harvest levels and residual canopy cover 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Comments are solicited through on-line posting of management guides and also accepted at annual State Forest open houses which are advertised locally. • Natural heritage data are reviewed and considered as part of the management planning process to check for threatened or endangered bird and wildlife species on or near the management unit. • Soil conserving BMPs will be implemented and monitored to minimize impacts to karst features/open sinkholes. • Early successional habitat and continued regeneration of native forests are important long term objectives. Stand conditions as well as landscape considerations are among the factors guiding the extent and location of regeneration openings. • Much of today’s forest is regrowth from abandoned farmlands in the early half of 1900’s. We agree there is no old growth forest on this tract. The Division of Forestry has designated several ‘Nature Preserves’ at Harrison Crawford State Forest. • The management guide recognizes mixed use management and the temporary impact on the Adventure Trail. Trail will be rerouted during management activities.

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	<p>Trail impacting management activities are generally limited to once every 10-15 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As noted in the management guide the tract is significantly overstocked and potential harvest volumes in this tract are respectively above average. Mgt guide notes opportunity to adjust to harvest levels between cedar stands and regeneration openings to retain higher stocking (basal area).• The Division of Forestry will utilize guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat- including canopy cover guidelines.
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