

Indiana Department of Natural Resources
 Division of Forestry
 State Forest Resource Management Guide Public Comment Summary
SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

Harrison-Crawford State Forest Compartment 5 Tract 3 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 6/22/2013 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.

Comment Summary	Division of Forestry Response
Concern about harvest impacts to Indiana bat. Recommends no harvesting contending tract is example of prime habitat for Indiana bat maternity colonies because of species mix, and stream corridors.	The Division of Forestry will utilize guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat. Reduced stocking is prescribed for tree growth, regeneration and habitat diversity.
Concerned about meeting the Indiana bat guidance of 60% canopy cover.	The overall stocking retention for the tract is prescribed at 70%, well within the guidance.
Concerned about invasive species spread following harvest.	Existing invasive species are in old field area and are prescribed for treatment.
Concerned about erosion of soils and stream sedimentation.	Best management practices will be implemented and monitored to address the soil erosion concerns.
Oppose logging the tract	The need and goal for the management is described in the guide.