

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Jackson Washington State Forest Compartment 11 Tract 19 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 11/20/2013 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern on impact to the Knobstone Trail and trail user experience. Suggests no harvesting of trees along the trail corridor. • Concern on impacts to soils, erosion, sedimentation and effective use of BMPs. • Concern of potential impact to endangered/threatened species. Recommends detailed environmental inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be conducted/included in DMG. • Commenter would like more details than provided in the guide as it relates to wildlife and timber inventories and assessments • Concern on potential spread of invasive species as result of management activity. • Recommends no harvest during this management cycle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation use will be impacted as a result of prescribed harvest operations. The KT will be given consideration during tree marking, harvest and site remediation activities. As well as possible interpretive opportunities. Recreational use of the area will be closed to public access for safety reasons during operations. Closure would likely be 2-6 months in duration. Anticipated frequency of managed harvests in this area is once every 20 years. • 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. DoF will respond to reported BMP departures. • The management guide provides an overview of wildlife and timber resources rather than full data and details utilized for guide development and implementation. Timber inventory, wildlife and environmental assessments are available. • Habitats, communities and species are considered as part of the management planning process. Along with field observations, Natural heritage data has been reviewed to check for threatened or endangered bird and wildlife species on or near the management unit. Concern also addressed in the DoF Environmental Assessment. • Implementation of the RMG will utilize guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana and other

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	<p>listed bat species.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invasive species presence will be monitored as part of normal operations.• The prescribed management activities are consistent with silvicultural principles, promotes habitat diversity and supported by inventory data and field assessments. The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.
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