

**Jackson Washington State Forest**    **Compartment 3 Tract 15**    **30 Day Comment Period Ending: 8/18/2013**    **Comments Received: 1**

The table below is a summary of public comments received concerning the draft Resource Management Guide (DRMG). 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"> <li>• Opposes prescribed timber harvest. Cites general concerns on impacts to wildlife and forest ecosystems.</li> <li>• Concern on impacts to soils, erosion, sedimentation and effective use of BMPs. Concern on slope steepness and riparian buffers.</li> <li>• Concern of potential impact to wildlife habitats, and potentially to endangered/threatened species, including Indiana bat and cites USWFS management guidelines. Recommends inventory of birds and wildlife be conducted before plan implementation.</li> <li>• Concern on impacts to recreation, existing trails and aesthetics. Recommends a balance between recreation, habitat and timber management, with less timber emphasis.</li> <li>• Cites safety concerns over the width of Skyline drive and use of the road during harvest activities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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. BMP guidance can be found at:  <a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-2005_Forestry_BMP_Field_Guide.pdf">http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-2005_Forestry_BMP_Field_Guide.pdf</a></li> <li>• The management guide provides an overview of wildlife and timber resources. Further information on direct and indirect impacts on species and habitats are found in the Indiana State Forest Environmental Assessment.  <a href="http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-StateForests_EA.pdf">http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-StateForests_EA.pdf</a></li> <li>• 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 listed bat species.</li> <li>• Habitats, communities and wildlife 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.</li> <li>• For user safety recreation access will be limited during management operations. Trail use and aesthetics will be considered during implementation of the RMG. The state forest road may be temporarily closed to the public during management</li> </ul>

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	<p>operations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li></ul>
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