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

## **SUMMARY COMMENTS**

**Jackson Washington State Forest** 

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30 Day Comment Period Ending: 1/16/2014 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> <li>Concerned about BMP implementation and logging impacts on soil erosion and sediment delivery to nearby Plattsburg Pond</li> <li>Concern of potential impact to endangered/ threatened species. Recommends detailed inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be included in DMG.</li> <li>Concern on potential spread of invasive species as result of management activity. Recommends more concerted control efforts.</li> <li>Due to sedimentation concerns for Plattsburg pond and perennial stream recommends damaged trees in mixed hardwood stand be allowed to die and create habitat rather than prescribed utilization and regeneration opening.</li> <li>Opposes plan implementation until concerns are addressed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The RMG specifically address Plattsburg Pond and the perennial stream concerns. 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.</li> <li>The management guide provides an overview of wildlife resources rather than the full data and details used for guide development. Review includes field observations, Natural heritage data review for threatened or endangered bird and wildlife species and the DoF Environmental Assessment.</li> <li>RMG identifies invasive species concerns and control options.</li> <li>The prescribed management activities are consistent with silvicultural principles and supported by inventory data and field assessments.</li> <li>The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.</li> </ul>