

**SUMMARY COMMENTS**

**Yellowwood State Forest      Compartment 10 Tract 16      30 Day Comment Period Ending: 6/7/2013      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.

	<b>Division of Forestry Response</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned that management progression does not follow the 2009 Process flow chart.</li> <li>• Recommends DoF should publish timber sales in largest newspapers of affected counties.</li> <li>• Concerned about soil erosion.</li> <li>• Concerned about multi-flora rose and invasive species spread following harvest.</li> <li>• Concerned about trail closures affecting recreation opportunities.</li> <li>• Concern about harvest impacts to Indiana bat. Contends the guide prescribes that 45% of trees are being harvested.</li> <li>• Tract is rugged terrain and should be allowed to mature until the next management cycle.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The Division of Forestry will advertise sales publically through multiple outlets, including newspapers serving the area.</li> <li>• Best management practices will be implemented and monitored to address erosion concerns. These guidelines include slope considerations.</li> <li>• The naturalization statement is not resignation, just pragmatism regarding a plant that was widely promoted and planted for much of the 1900's, especially in the old fields of southern Indiana, and is prolific producing hundreds of thousands of seed every year that are spread by birds and that can persist in the seed bank for decades. The management guide prescribes treatment of the rose.</li> <li>• Recreation is part of the mixed use in this tract and the proposed management will temporarily impact recreational use of the area. During management operations the area and trails will be closed to public access for safety reasons. Closure would likely be 1-4 months in duration. Where practicable, alternate trail routes will be identified.</li> <li>• 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. It could not be found where the guide said 45% of trees are prescribed to be harvested.</li> <li>• The terrain of this tract is relatively common in Brown County. The prescribed management considers forest maturity.</li> </ul>