

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Yellowwood State Forest **Compartment 1 Tract 10** **30 Day Comment Period Ending: 8/24/2013** **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.

	Division of Forestry Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern harvest conflicts with nearby Selma Steele bequest and nature preserve. • Concerned about logging impacts on soil erosion and stream sedimentation and BMP implementation • Commentor would like more details than provided in the guide as it relates to wildlife and timber inventories and assessments. • Guide contains no discussion of Indiana bat. • Concerned about terminology used to describe trees and forest conditions. • Efficacy of old regeneration openings should be evaluated before implementing new large regeneration openings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This tract adjoins, but is not part of the Selma Steele bequest and is separated from the Nature Preserve by a county road. The nature preserve itself is bisected by a powerline. • 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. • The management guide provides an overview of wildlife and timber resources rather than full data and details used for guide development. Timber inventory and wildlife data/assessments are available. • As standard practice, the Division of Forestry utilizes guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat • Management guide terminology noted is consistent with the silviculture and forest science and in full context provide valuable guidance to foresters. • Regeneration openings are monitored for regeneration success. Prescriptions are consistent with tract findings and central hardwoods silviculture.