

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Yellowwood State Forest Compartment 10 Tract 15 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 3/7/2014 Comments Received: 3

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
<p>Comment summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes State Forest harvests due to global warming, wildlife impacts, invasive species concerns. If harvested then recommends regeneration strategies and no clearcuts. • Concern on impact to public roads, traffic safety and invasive species. Suggests more limited harvest to increase tree and forest value as climate stabilizer and recreation resource. Suggests need for old growth and closed canopy forests • Concerned about potential soil erosion/sedimentation and proper implementation of BMPs. • Suggests conducting only invasive species control work in bottomland hardwood area. Suggests area be left to grow another mgt cycle. • Concern of potential impact to Indiana bat and endangered/threatened species. Recommends detailed inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be included in DMG. • Would like more details in the guide as it relates to timber inventories and assessments. • Concern on harvest impacts to Tecumseh Trail. Recommends no harvesting along the trail. • Concern on timeliness of handling public records request. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best management practices are prescribed in the RMG and 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. • Public road concerns will be discussed with forest contractors. • The management guide provides an overview of wildlife and timber resources rather than the full data and details used for guide development. Timber inventory and wildlife data/assessments are available. • Implementation of the RMG will utilize guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat. • 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. • Public record requests handled according to policy. • The management guide acknowledges the Tecumseh Trail corridor. Tree selection and tract management will consider aesthetics and other trail impacts. A portion of, the trail will be temporarily rerouted for user safety . • RMG prescribes invasive species control work. Area will be monitored for invasive species outbreaks and control measures implemented appropriate for the area. • The RMG uses forest terminology which integrates many considerations including biological, human utility and more. Sometimes the scope of

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concern on range provided of potential volume prescribed for harvest and impact to Indiana bat.• Concern that harvest will encourage invasive species growth.• Concern on terminology used to describe trees is utilitarian in nature.• Opposes prescribed commercial harvest	<p>considerations are not readily portrayed by the terminology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The prescribed management activities are consistent with silvicultural principles and supported by inventory data and field assessments.• Limited selective tree harvest is planned in the bottomland hardwood portion in implementation of the RMG this mgt cycle.• The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.
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