

**SUMMARY COMMENTS**

**Yellowwood State Forest**      **Compartment 16 Tract 3**      **30 Day Comment Period Ending: 8/25/2013**      **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>• Claims tract access requires road through perennial stream, exceedingly steep slopes and rutted roadway requiring costly repairs .</li> <li>• Concern about topography of tract, soil disturbance and use of BMPs.</li> <li>• Guide contains no discussion of Indiana bat.</li> <li>• Commentor would like more details than provided in the guide as it relates to wildlife and timber inventories and assessments.</li> <li>• Concern on closing popular hiking trails</li> <li>• Opposes commercial timber sale at this time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary tract access does not follow the route described by commentor and does not cross any stream nor exceedingly steep slopes. Management guide notes the rutted road conditions due to illegal ATV use, which require attention irrespective of proposed selective harvest.</li> <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.</li> <li>• The management guide provides an overview of wildlife and timber resources rather than full data and details used for guide development. Timber inventory and other data/assessments are listed in the guide.</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Tract contains firetrails and mgt access roads, but no dedicated hiking trails as inferred by commentor.</li> </ul>