

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Yellowwood State Forest

Compartment 6 Tract 11

30 Day Comment Period Ending:11/14/2013

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.

Comment Summary	Division of Forestry Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes commercial timber sale in this tract. • DRMG does not include volume of timber prescribed for harvest • DRMG wildlife section should include data collected on habitat suitability (e.g. snags) to aid public understanding. Has not yet received requested wildlife appendix information from forest files (1 week). • Recommends the drought declining Poplar trees not be salvaged, but allowed to die and create snags. • Questions regeneration openings achieving desired results. • Concern on potential spread of invasive species as result of management activity • Suggests definition of 'mature' and 'overmature' trees • Concern that harvest will negatively impact the horse trail recreational use on the tract. A more balanced approach to timber, habitat and recreation needed. • Cemetery on the tract should be buffered to protect its integrity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DRMG describes the harvest level primarily in terms of number and scale of regeneration openings rather than volume. Actual harvest volumes are determined at time individual trees are selected, measured and marked by the property forester. • Some declining Tulip Poplar will not be salvaged and will develop into wildlife snags where not a safety hazard. • The management guide provides an overview of wildlife and timber resources rather than full data and details used for guide development. The requested information was sent to commenter within 2 days of confirmed request. • The prescribed regeneration openings are primarily areas of non-native pine and mixed hardwoods. The prescription is appropriate to restore native hardwood stands. • RMG includes discussion of invasive species. Area will be monitored for invasive species and appropriate control measures. • Many factors are considered when describing areas or trees as 'mature', 'overmature' or 'crop trees', including the factors suggested. • The RMG recognizes the impact to the horse trail, which historically receives little use. The trail will be rerouted short term during management activities. Habitat management and recreation use will continue on the tract. • Noted cultural resources will be buffered as needed to protect those resources.