

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Yellowwood State Forest **Compartment 7 Tract 18** **30 Day Comment Period Ending: 6/13/2013** **Comments Received: 2**

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"> • Opposed to harvesting in backcountry areas <p>Opposed to proposed timber harvest for below reasons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned that management progression does not follow the 2009 Process flow chart. • Recommends Division of Forestry should publish timber sales in largest newspapers in affected counties. • Concerned about spread of exotic invasive species • Concerned about erosion of soils and sedimentation. • Concerned on impact to Indiana bat and Eastern box turtle • Concerned on impacts to recreational use, and trails in particular. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This tract is not in the backcountry area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per the Resource Management Process, the flowchart order and timeline for reference and are approximate. Actual process components may occur somewhat out of the shown order. Comments received during comment periods are given consideration as part of the overall management process. • The Division of Forestry will advertise sales publically through multiple outlets, including newspapers serving the area. • Invasive species are pre-existing on the site and included in management considerations. They will be monitored for treatment where appropriate. • Best management practices will be implemented and monitored to address soil erosion concerns. • The Division of Forestry will utilize guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to endangered species and Indiana bat. • Mixed use management will continue on this tract- including recreation. The proposed management will temporarily impact recreational use of the area, during which 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.