

Clark State Forest **Compartment 6 Tract 5** **Comment Review: 3/29/2018** **Comments Received: 4**

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 proposed timber harvest citing potential impacts to recreation trails, aesthetics, climate and green space. • Supports the DoF state forest management efforts, including management activities prescribed. • Not bothered by the appearance of managed timber harvests. The impacts are temporary. • Supports rerouting or temporary closure of trails during management activities for user safety • Supports efforts to manage invasive species. Encourages public to also practice invasive species control. • Appreciates the effort the Indiana DOF puts into managing the multiple uses and resources in the forests. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitats, communities and wildlife species are considered as part of the management planning process. Further information on direct and indirect impacts on species and habitats are found in the Indiana State Forest Environmental Assessment. http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-StateForests_EA.pdf. • We recognize that aesthetic impacts are inherent of many forest management activities. This may include visual impacts along the tract’s horse trail, which may be temporarily closed or rerouted for safety of forest users. Trail considerations will be incorporated into the implementation of the RMG. • Invasive species presence and control needs will be monitored as part of normal operations. The species noted are widespread in the County. A variety of management measures are considered in an overall integrated pest control strategy, including manual controls, defensive plantings and treatments with approved herbicides. • The prescribed management activities are supported by inventory data and field assessments. The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.