

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Ferdinand State Forest Compartment _1_ Tract _5_ 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 3/7/2014 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 prescribed timber harvest • Concern area has not fully recovered from the 2000 harvest • Suggests alternate management to promote habitat diversity. • Concern of potential impact to endangered/threatened species. Recommends detailed inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be included in DMG. • Concern on timeliness of handling public records request. • Concern that harvest will encourage invasive species growth. • Concern that harvest will negatively impact recreational use and aesthetics of the Kyana Trail and suggests limited tree cutting near trail as part of mixed use approach to management. • Concern on terminology used to describe trees is utilitarian in nature. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2000 harvest only covered a portion of the tract. Site inspections and inventories document recovery. • 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. • The management guide addresses the recreational use of the area and the temporary impacts. Mixed uses are maintained. • Habitats, communities and species are considered as part of the management planning process. Along with field observations, Natural heritage data are reviewed to check for threatened or endangered bird and wildlife species on or near the management unit. Also addressed in the DoF Environmental Assessment. • Public record requests are handled according to policy. • 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 considerations are not readily portrayed by the terminology.