

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Greene Sullivan State Forest **Compartment 5 Tract 5** **30 Day Comment Period Ending: 6/8/2014** **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.

	Division of Forestry Response
<p>Comment Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern of potential impact to Indiana bat and endangered/threatened species. Recommends detailed inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be included in DMG. • Concern on broadcast use of herbicides to control invasive species. Suggests manual control methods. • Concern on potential spread of invasive species as result of management activity • Concerned about BMP implementation and logging impacts on soil erosion and sediment delivery to strip mine lakes. • Recommends tract be left to grow undisturbed another management cycle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • As standard practice, the Division of Forestry consults with and utilizes guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat • 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 notes presence of exotic species in the area and includes treatment recommendations. • Broadcast herbicide treatments are not recommended within the RMG. Manual and chemical control of tree growth on the dam are among the proposed options. Any herbicides used would be in accordance with product label to protect users and resources. • The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.