Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
State Forest Resource Management Guide Public Comment Summary

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Harrison Crawford State Forest Compartment 13 Tract 7 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.

•	Concerned that management progression does not
	follow the 2009 Process flow chart.

Concern for endangered or threatened species. Recommends thorough inventory of birds and other wildlife.

- Concern on impact to cave habitats due to sinkhole and karst features of the tract.
- Concern on impact to Indiana bat
- Disagrees with prescription for harvest and regeneration openings, due to steep slopes and since canopy openings already exist due to 2006 wind storm.
- Apposes commercial timber harvest

Division of Forestry Response

- Per the Resource Management Process, the flowchart order and timeline are for reference and are approximate. Actual process activities may occur somewhat out of the shown order. Comments received during comment periods are given consideration as part of the overall management process.
- Natural heritage data are reviewed as part of the management planning process to check for bird and wildlife species of concern on or near the management unit.
- The Division of Forestry utilizes guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat.
- Regeneration openings include focus on areas damaged by 2006 windstorm.
 Regeneration openings not planned for steep slope areas.
- Soil conserving BMPs will be implemented and monitored to address erosion concerns and minimize impacts to karst features/open sinkholes.