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

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Harrison Crawford State Forest   **Compartment 20 Tract 7**   **30 Day Comment Period Ending: 6/9/2014**   **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
Comment Summary: • Concern of potential impact to endangered/threatened species. Recommends detailed inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be included in DMG. • Concern on impacts to horse and hiking trail recreational uses and contends prescription is not compatible with mixed use management. • Contends tract has sufficient sunlight to regenerate Oak and other preferred species. • Concern on potential spread of invasive species as result of management activity	• Habitats, communities and species are considered as part of the management planning process. Along with field observations, Natural heritage data has been reviewed to check for threatened or endangered bird and wildlife species on or near the management unit. Concern 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 • The management guide addresses the recreational use of the area and the temporary impacts. While area will be closed during management activities the mixed uses will be maintained long term. • The harvest prescription focus is on thinning to promote healthy overstory rather than regenerating the tract. • The prescribed management activities are consistent with silvicultural principles and supported by inventory data and field assessments. • The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.