

**SUMMARY COMMENTS**

**Harrison Crawford State Forest**      **Compartment 28 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.

	<b>Division of Forestry Response</b>
<p>Comment Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommends area be set aside as potential State Wilderness Area</li> <li>• Concerned about BMP implementation and logging impacts on soil erosion and sediment delivery to sinkholes</li> <li>• The prescription for regeneration openings will reduce habitat for species that prefer intact forest canopies.</li> <li>• Concern on potential spread of invasive species as result of management activity. Supports some efforts to control invasive species, but not those which include herbicide use.</li> <li>• Concern of potential impact to Indiana bat and endangered/threatened species. Recommends detailed inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be included in DMG.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wilderness Area is a federal designation and not applicable to State lands. This tract is in close proximity to roadways and developed recreation areas.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The use of regeneration openings is documented to benefit many wildlife species and increase biodiversity. Closed canopy forests remain dominant on the State Forest, while early successional habitats are in shorter supply.</li> <li>• Tree of Heaven is the primary invasive species noted for treatment. Mechanical control measures on trees larger than saplings have been shown to be ineffective and actually worsen the problem. Any herbicides used will be targeted and used in accordance with the product label.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>

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