

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Harrison Crawford State Forest **Compartment 29 Tract 14** **30 Day Comment Period Ending: 1/16/2014** **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>Opposed to proposed timber sale for reasons below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned that management progression does not follow the 2009 Process flow chart. • Concern on impact to soil, water and karst features of the tract. • Concern on impact to Indiana bat and following of bat management guidelines • Concern on frequency and extent of harvests on State Forests in general and concern last harvest on this tract was 15 years ago. • Concern on potential spread of invasive species as result of management activity • Concern on impact to endangered or threatened species. Recommends inventory of birds and other wildlife prior to management activities. • Concern on impact to habitat diversity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Soil conserving BMPs will be implemented and monitored to minimize impacts to soil, water and karst features/open sinkholes. • Division of Forestry will utilize guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat- including canopy cover and riparian area management. • The 1998 harvest covered only 10% of the tract. • Natural heritage data are reviewed and considered as part of the management planning process to check for threatened or endangered bird and wildlife species on or near the management unit. Also addressed in the DoF Environmental Assessment. • Management guide notes the invasive species present and recommend they be monitored and treated as needed. • Prescribed management does result in changes to habitats over time. These changes will have both positive and negative affects to individual species. Long term objective is to retain and promote diverse forest habitats across the state forest- including older and younger forests. • The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.