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

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Harrison Crawford State Forest Compartment 5 Tract 2 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 11/21/2013 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.

	Division of Forestry Response
 Tract should be preserved for habitat suitability-particularly for Indiana and other bats. Harvest would degrade habitat, cause soil disturbance, create canopy gaps and remove significant White Oak volume. Dying trees should be left to die and thereby create and increase snags for wildlife benefits. Concerned on potential introduction and spread of invasive species Apposes harvest 	 Management activities will incorporate Indiana bat management guidelines as prescribed in consultation with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Prescribed harvest will result in range of habitats, including canopy gaps, snag creation, and thinning to promote healthy tree growth- with some emphasis on White oak long term management specifically noted in the plan. Habitat management will include retention of some declining trees for future natural snag development. Tract will be monitored for introduction and spread of invasive species and treatment where appropriate.