

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Jackson Washington State Forest **Compartment 10 Tract 17** **30 Day Comment Period Ending: 1/16/2014** **Comments Received: 2**

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.

Comment Summary	Division of Forestry Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes any harvest in State Forest Backcountry areas. • Concern on harvest impact to recreation use. • Opposes harvests along Tecumseh and Knobstone trail corridors • Concern on impact to soil and water quality; and BMP implementation • Concern of potential impact to endangered/threatened species. Recommends detailed inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be included in DMG. • Suggests definition of ‘mature’ and ‘overmature’ trees • Concern on potential spread of invasive species as result of management activity • Opposes harvest in this area citing wildlife concerns and impact on hikers and those wanting undisturbed forests. Suggests low impact cabins and limited access permits to entice tourists as alternate revenue source. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Forest backcountry program clearly identifies selective timber harvesting as a continued use. RMG implementation will follow a reduced harvest intensity prescribed for backcountry areas. • The management guide addresses the recreational use of the area and the temporary impacts on the Knobstone Trail. For user safety the area will be temporarily closed during management operations. The Tecumseh Trail is not located in this tract or County. • 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. • 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. • Many factors are considered when describing areas or trees as mature or overmature, including the factors suggested. • Area will be monitored for invasive species outbreaks and control measures implemented appropriate for the area. • Cabins have not been considered appropriate use. However, back country camping by trail users is allowed in designated areas. • 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.