

**SUMMARY COMMENTS**

**Jackson-Washington State Forest**      **Compartment 13 Tract 6**      **30 Day Comment Period Ending: 10/5/2013**      **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.

	<b>Division of Forestry Response</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned on extent and placement of regeneration openings to mimic natural disturbance regimes.</li> <li>• Concerned about affect of harvesting on introduction of exotic species</li> <li>• Concerned about impact to Knobstone Hiking Trail and hiker experience.</li> <li>• Concerned about impact to Indiana bat and that majority of harvest is Sugar Maple, Pignut and Shagbark hickory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early successional habitat and continued regeneration of native forests are important long term objectives. Stand conditions as well as broader landscape considerations will be among the factors guiding the extent and location of regeneration openings.</li> <li>• The management guide notes exotic species in the area and includes recommendations for monitoring and treatments.</li> <li>• The management guide recognizes mixed use management and the temporary impact on the Knobstone Trail. Trail will be rerouted during management activities.</li> <li>• DoF confers with the USFWS and will follow habitat management guidelines for conservation of Indiana Bat. The tree species noted represent less than 15% of harvest volume- not a majority.</li> </ul>