

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Jackson Washington State Forest **Compartment 1 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.

Comment Summary	Division of Forestry Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned about BMP implementation and logging impacts on soil erosion and sediment delivery to nearby Knob Lake • Concern on potential spread of invasive species as result of management activity • Concern of potential impact to endangered/threatened species. Recommends detailed inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be included in DMG. • Concern on impact to Indiana bat and infers area already provides adequate foraging habitats. • Recommends researching impact of harsh winter on EAB larvae before recommending harvest of all ash ahead of pending infestations. • Concern that harvest will negatively impact recreational use of nearby recreation facilities. Higher priority should be given to habitat and recreation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DMG acknowledges and addresses steep terrain and considerations for Knob Lake. • 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. • As standard practice, the Division of Forestry utilizes guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat • The harsh winter may result in temporary setback for EAB, but there is no indication that impacts will be long lived. • The management guide notes presence of exotic species in the area and includes treatment recommendations. • The management guide addresses the recreational use of the area and the temporary impacts. Mixed uses are maintained. • 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.