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

## **SUMMARY COMMENTS**

**Jackson Washington State Forest** 

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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> <li>Concern about logging impacts on steep slopes and compliance with prescribed BMPs. Claims to have noted BMP violations on other sites.</li> <li>Concern on potential spread of invasive species as result of management activity. Recommends taking measures to reduce spread.</li> <li>General comments on wildlife and habitat concerns (snags, deer, amphibians)</li> <li>Area should be managed for low-impact, dispersed recreation as a top priority, rather than commercial timbering. Concern that horse trail will be used as access route.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Steep slopes have been acknowledged in the RMG. BMPs will be required by contract should a harvest take place. BMPs will be monitored for compliance. Steep slope disturbance to be minimized.</li> <li>RMG identifies invasive species concerns and includes management measures to reduce spread and control populations.</li> <li>Implementation of the RMG will include wildlife considerations.</li> <li>Forest access routes are commonly designated as trails and used extensively by trail and dispersed forest users. These multi use trails provide increased level of safety and emergency access.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>