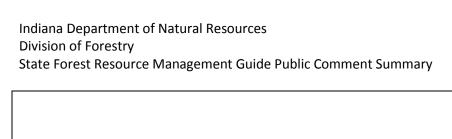
Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
State Forest Resource Management Guide Public Comment Summary

Jackson Washington State Forest Compartment 7 Tract 1 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 6/11/2015 Comments Received: 3

The table below is a summary of public comments received concerning the draft Resource Management Guide (DRMG). 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 Comment Summary Supports the RMG and the prescribed harvests for Oak/Hickory renewal. Implementation of the RMG will utilize guidance Supports efforts to control invasive species from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other Opposes prescribed timber harvest, stating State Forests should be preserved sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana and from harvests as much as possible. Cites general concerns on impacts to climate other listed bat species. Habitats are considered during development and change, environmental pollution, wildlife, invasive species, forest ecosystems, implementation of the RMG. The management andaesthetics. Concerned with the length of management cycles. approach encourages a diversity of age classes and Commenter would like more details than provided in the guide as it relates to successional stages. Grapevine control measures wildlife and timber inventories and assessments. Commenter would also like specifically call for retention of a vine component. more information as it relates to RTE species. Snag retention and recruitment are expected Concern on potential for soil erosion and stream sedimentation and the effective management outcomes. implementation of BMPs. Cites concerns with soil types present on the tract. Invasive species presence will be monitored as Would like comment period to be longer than 30 days. part of normal operations. Concern RMG does not address impacts on climate change and carbon The management guide provides an overview of sequestration. Suggests DoF put in place evaluation standards to consider the wildlife and timber resources. Further information cumulative impacts of all state and federal forest management projects across on direct and indirect impacts on species and the state. habitats are found in the Indiana State Forest Concern there is a predominantly utilitarian (tree farm) management philosophy. Environmental Assessment. Questions the wildlife value of Oak species relative to other species. http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-Concern of potential impact to endangered/threatened species, including StateForests EA.pdf Indiana bat. Recommends detailed environmental inventory of birds, wildlife and State Forest operations adhere to a plants be conducted/included in DMG. comprehensive set of forest certification Concerned legacy tree data is not included in the RMG. Recommends the DoF standards (FSC & SFI) to insure long term forest leave ample numbers of declining trees in the 9"+DBH category for snag sustainability. Operations are subject to annual development. 'third party' audits to insure compliance to Discourages measures to control wild grapevines due to wildlife benefits

these standards.



- Best management practices will be implemented and monitored to address the soil erosion and sedimentation concerns. Riparian areas were specifically noted in the RMG. BMPs will be required of operator and included in timber sales contracts. DoF will respond to reported BMP departures. BMP guidance can be found at: http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-2005 Forestry BMP Field Guide.pdf
- Assessing climate change and carbon sequestration is beyond the scope of tract level RMGs.
- The RMG uses forest terminology which integrates many considerations including biological, human utility and more. The scope of considerations are not always fully portrayed by the terminology.
- Indiana State Forests contain approximately
 1.15 billion board feet of timber. Managed
 harvest levels on State Forests are set at a level
 to insure long term sustainability. These levels
 are periodically reviewed as new inventory data
 is collected. See
 - http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/files/fo-State Forest CFI Report 2010 2014.pdf
- The 30 day public comment period will remain as standard procedure. However, if individuals have information that is pertinent and specific to the tract they can present that information at any time.
- The prescribed management activities are consistent with silvicultural principles, promotes habitat diversity and supported by inventory data

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	and field assessments. The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.