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
 Concerned about BMP implementation and logging impacts on soil erosion and sediment delivery to nearby Plattsburg Pond Concern of potential impact to endangered/threatened species. Recommends detailed inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be included in DMG. Concern on potential spread of invasive species as result of management activity. Recommends more concerted control efforts. Concern on terminology used to describe trees is based soley on human utility. Opposes commercial harvest in tract 	 The RMG specifically address Plattsburg Pond concerns. 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. The management guide provides an overview of wildlife resources rather than the full data and details used for guide development. Review includes field observations, Natural heritage data review for threatened or endangered bird and wildlife species and the DoF Environmental Assessment. RMG identifies invasive species concerns and control options. The RMG uses forest science terminology which integrates many considerations including biological, human utility and more. Sometimes the scope of considerations are not readily portrayed by the terminology. 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.