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

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Morgan-Monroe State Forest Compartment 10 Tract 13 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.

	Division of Forestry Response
 Concerned that management progression does not follow the 2009 Process flow chart. Concerned about terminology used to describe trees and forest conditions. Resolution of the encroachment noted in the guide is needed, but not listed on the proposed management timeline. Concerned about logging impacts on soil erosion and stream sedimentation Recommends retaining declining trees as future snags. Supports TSI to favor oak and hickory regeneration. Opposes commercial timber harvests. 	 Per the Resource Management Process, the flowchart order and timeline are for reference and are approximate. Actual process activities may occur somewhat out of the shown order. Comments received during comment periods are given consideration as part of the overall management process. Management guide terminology noted is consistent with the silviculture and forest science and in full context provide valuable guidance to foresters. Boundary line encroachment will be further investigated. Best management practices will be implemented and monitored to address the soil erosion and sedimentation concerns. BMPs will be included in timber sales contracts. Declining trees are part of tract snag management. The prescribed management activities are consistent with silvicultural principles and supported by inventory data and field assessments.