

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Morgan Monroe State Forest **Compartment 11 Tract 6** **30 Day Comment Period Ending: 6/2/2013** **Comments received: 3**

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"> • Opposed to harvesting in backcountry areas • Increased logging at Morgan Monroe State Forest detrimental to environment and recreational values. • Concerned that management progression does not follow the 2009 Process flow chart. • Recommends Division of Forestry should publish timber sales in largest newspapers in affected counties. • Concerned about erosion of soils and stream sedimentation. • Concerned that scope of harvest will stress wildlife, Indiana bat and endangered species. • All species of trees are desirable and managing for any particular stand type is unnatural. • Agrees with prescribed riparian zone management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This tract is not in the backcountry area • State Forest natural resource management will follow the management standards approved by the Forest Stewardship Council and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. Consideration will be given to recreation and environmental concerns. Management is audited annually to for adherence to these standards of good management. Harvests levels are set to remove only a portion of the annual tree growth. The forest continues to see a net gain in tree volume annually. • Recreational use of the area will be suspended during management activities. This restriction will likely be less than 6 months every 10-15 years. • Per the Resource Management Process, the flowchart order and timeline for reference and are approximate. Actual process components may occur somewhat out of the shown order. Comments received during comment periods are given consideration as part of the overall management process. • The Division of Forestry will advertise sales publically through multiple outlets, including newspapers serving the area. • Best management practices will be implemented and monitored to address soil erosion concerns. • The Division of Forestry will utilize guidance from Indiana Natural Heritage database, the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat and endangered species. • Trees will be selectively marked and consideration given to favor trees and species that would naturally occur on the site. The Division of Forestry will follow management standards approved by forest certification bodies and silvicultural prescriptions specifically pertinent to the central hardwoods region of Indiana.