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

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Morgan-Monroe State Forest Compartment 13 Tract 6 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 6/21/2013 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.

Comment Summary	Division of Forestry Response
Concerned that management progression does not follow the 2009 Process flow chart.	 Per the Resource Management Process, the flowchart order and timeline for reference and are approximate. Actual process activities may occur out of the shown order.
 Recommends DoF should publish timber sales in largest newspapers of affected counties. Questions listing white oaks as harvestable when there is a stated shortage of preferred roost trees. 	 The Division of Forestry will advertise sales publically through multiple outlets, including newspapers serving the area. The management guide prescribes conserving preferred roost species, and thinning to promote their development and growth, and improve solar exposure.
 Recommends leaving mature oaks that are "declining" to progress into snags. Concerned about trail closures affecting recreation opportunities. 	 The management guide prescribes using post harvest management to increase snag density. Recreation is part of the mixed use in this tract and the proposed management will temporarily impact recreational use of the area. During management operations the area and trails will be closed to public access for safety reasons. Closure would likely be 1-4 months in duration. Where practicable, alternate trail routes will be identified.
Concerned about erosion of soils and stream sedimentation.	 Best management practices will be implemented and monitored to address the soil erosion concerns.
Recommend no harvest at this time.	 The need and goal for the management is described in the guide.