

**SUMMARY COMMENTS**

**Martin State Forest      Compartment 7 Tract 13      30 Day Comment Period Ending: 11/28/2014      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.

<b>Comment Summary</b>	<b>Division of Forestry Response</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern on impacts to soil and water resources and effective implementation and monitoring of BMPs. Suggests the small man-made wildlife pond be buffered during harvests</li> <li>• Concern of potential impact to Indiana and Northern long eared bat and other RTE species that may be present. Recommends detailed environmental inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be conducted/included in DMG. Concern on reliability of the NHDB.</li> <li>• Commenter would like more details than provided in the guide as it relates to wildlife and timber inventories and assessments.</li> <li>• Concern RMG does not address impacts on climate change and carbon sequestration. Suggests DoF put in place evaluation standards to consider the cumulative impacts of all state and federal forest management projects across the state on climate change.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best management practices will be implemented and monitored to address the soil erosion and sedimentation concerns, including pond buffer. BMPs will be required of operator and included in timber sales contracts. DoF will respond to reported BMP departures.</li> <li>• Habitats, communities and species are considered as part of the management planning process. Field observations along with, Natural heritage data has been reviewed to check for threatened or endangered bird and wildlife species on or near the management unit.</li> <li>• Further information on direct and indirect impacts on species and habitats are found in the Indiana State Forest Environmental Assessment.</li> <li>• The management guide provides an overview of wildlife and timber resources rather than full data and details utilized for guide development and implementation. Wildlife and timber inventory data/assessments are available.</li> <li>• Implementation of the RMG will utilize guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat and other Listed bat species.</li> <li>• Assessing climate change and carbon sequestration is beyond the scope of tract level RMGs.</li> <li>• The prescribed management activities are consistent with silvicultural principles, promotes habitat diversity and supported by inventory data and field assessments. The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.</li> </ul>