

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Pike State Forest Compartment _9_ Tract _2_ 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 3/7/2014 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes heavy commercial timber harvest in tract • Recommends delaying harvest to monitor regeneration openings rather than harvest of declining pine to accelerate native hardwood restorations. • Concern of potential soil erosion. • Concern that harvest will encourage invasive species growth. • Concern on timeliness of handling public records request. • Concern of potential impact to endangered/threatened species. Recommends detailed inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be included in DMG. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habitats, communities and species are considered as part of the management planning process. Along with field observations, Natural heritage data are reviewed to check for threatened or endangered bird and wildlife species on or near the management unit. Also, addressed in the DoF Environmental Assessment. • Best management practices will be implemented and monitored to address the soil erosion concerns. BMPs will be required of operator and included in timber sales contracts. • Public record requests are processed according to policy. • Area will be monitored for invasive species outbreaks and control measures implemented appropriate for the area. • The prescribed management activities are consistent with silvicultural principles and supported by inventory data and field assessments. Regeneration considered in the planning process. • The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.