

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Yellowwood State Forest Compartment 14 Tract 2 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 6/28/2014 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.

| | Division of Forestry Response |
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| <p>Comment Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has land adjoining State Forest that was harvested and opposes the current logging policies in general. • Opposed to logging this tract, citing concerns on invasive species. Stilt grass, greenbrier, and periwinkle specifically mentioned. • Concern of potential impact to endangered/threatened species. Recommends detailed inventory of birds, wildlife and plants be included in DMG. • Concern on terminology used to describe trees indicates management approach is strictly utilitarian in nature. • Suggests not harvesting the areas of declining and damaged timber, but rather allow natural processes to occur and re-evaluate needs in 15 years. • Concern DRMG does not contain actual table of legacy and snag trees assessing these wildlife features, nor more detailed timber inventory information to help make informed comments. • Opposes DRMG prescription for reasons above | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Habitats, communities and species are considered as part of the management planning process. Along with field observations, Natural heritage data has been reviewed to check for threatened or endangered bird and wildlife species on or near the management unit. Concern also addressed in the DoF Environmental Assessment. • Invasive species presence will be assessed for control needs • The management guide provides an overview of wildlife and timber resources rather than the full data and details used for guide development. Timber inventory and wildlife data/assessments are available. • The RMG uses forest terminology which integrates many considerations including biological, human utility and more. The scope of considerations are not always fully portrayed by the terminology. • The prescribed management activities are consistent with silvicultural principles and supported by inventory data and field assessments. • The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation. |