

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Yellowwood State Forest **Compartment 10 Tract 20** **30 Day Comment Period Ending: 6/7/2013** **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.

	Division of Forestry Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned that management progression does not follow the 2009 Process flow chart. • Recommends DoF should publish timber sales in largest newspapers of affected counties. • Concerned about soil erosion. • Concern about harvest impacts to Indiana bat and low level of larger preferred roost trees and snag trees. • Concerned about spread of invasive species following harvest and notation of multi floral rose as a naturalized species. • Concerned about trail closures affecting recreation opportunities. • Tract is rugged terrain and should be allowed to mature until the next management cycle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per the Resource Management Process, the flowchart order and timeline are for reference and are approximate. Actual process activities 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 the soil erosion concerns. These guidelines include slope considerations. • The Division of Forestry will utilize guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat. The prescribed thinning will promote growth and development of released preferred roost species. The noted tree planting included preferred roost species. Snag tree recruitment will be included in the post harvest TSI work. • The multi-floral rose naturalization statement is pragmatic recognition that multi-floral rose was widely promoted and planted across the landscape for much of the 1900’s, especially in the old fields of southern Indiana, and is prolific producing hundreds of thousands of seed every year that are spread by birds and that can persist in the seed bank for decades. Treatment of rose populations will be considered where justified. • 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. • The terrain of this tract is relatively common in Brown County. The prescribed management considers forest maturity.