

**SUMMARY COMMENTS**

**Yellowwood State Forest      Compartment 2 Tract 38      30 Day Comment Period Ending: 1/16/2014      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>  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern harvest conflicts with nearby Selma Steele bequest and nature preserve.</li> <li>• Tract drains into an intermittent stream and eventually Lake Monroe system.</li> <li>• Concerned about logging impacts on soil erosion and stream sedimentation and BMP implementation</li> <li>• Commentor would like more details in the guide as it relates to wildlife and timber inventories and assessments, rather than having to request this supplemental information.</li> <li>• Concern on spread of stiltgrass as result of timber harvesting. Recommends against building roads and yards on every ridge.</li> <li>• Concern that harvest at higher level would violate Indiana bat management guidelines.</li> <li>• RMG favors timber growth over recreation and habitat diversity</li> <li>• Opposes commercial timber harvest</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This tract adjoins, but is not part of the Selma Steele bequest. State Forest ownership preserves the area as forest and provides protection against future development.</li> <li>• RMG duly acknowledges the area’s hydrological features.</li> <li>• Best management practices will be implemented and monitored to address the soil erosion and sedimentation concerns. BMPs will be required of operator and included in timber sales contracts.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• The RMG discusses the presence of stilt grass on tract and along the public road system. Recommends actions to reduce spread. RMG recommends improving existing access road and does not recommend new road construction.</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.</li> <li>• RMG recommendations support habitat diversity, continued recreational uses and sustainable timber production.</li> <li>• The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.</li> </ul> |