Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
State Forest Resource Management Guide Public Comment Summary

## **SUMMARY COMMENTS**

## Harrison Crawford State Forest Compartment 22 Tract 6 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 9/9/2013 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> <li>Concerned that management progression does not follow the 2009 Process flow chart.</li> <li>Recommends property boundaries be clearly established and encroachments, if any, be resolved.</li> <li>Concern for endangered or threatened species. Recommends thorough inventory of birds and other wildlife.</li> <li>Concern on impact to cave habitats due to sinkhole and karst features of the tract.</li> <li>Concern on impact to Indiana bat</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Property boundaries will be identified as needed. Adjoining landowners are typically contacted prior to management activity to clarify lines as needed. The possible encroachment noted in the management guide will be further investigated.</li> <li>Natural heritage data are reviewed as part of the management planning process to check for bird and wildlife species of concern on or near the management unit. The Division of Forestry utilizes guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat- including canopy cover guidelines.</li> <li>Soil conserving BMPs will be implemented and monitored to minimize impacts to karst features/open sinkholes.</li> </ul>