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

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Harrison Crawford State Forest Compartment 29 Tract 11 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.

	Division of Forestry Response
 Opposed to proposed timber sale for reasons below: Concerned that management progression does not follow the 2009 Process flow chart. Concern on impact to soil, water and karst features of the tract. Concern on impact to Indiana bat and following of bat management guidelines Concern on potential spread of invasive species as result of management activity Concern for endangered or threatened species. Recommends inventory of birds and other wildlife prior to management activities. 	 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. Soil conserving BMPs will be implemented and monitored to minimize impacts to soil, water and karst features/open sinkholes. Division of Forestry utilizes guidance from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other sources to avoid take impacts to the Indiana bat- including riparian area management. Natural heritage data are reviewed and considered as part of the management planning process to check for threatened or endangered bird and wildlife species on or near the management unit. Management guide notes the invasive species present and recommend they be monitored and treated as needed. The concerns expressed have been considered and may be further addressed during plan implementation.