

Land Disturbance Communication Tools - Department Guidance Summary of Public Comments

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Thank you to all of the individuals that provided feedback on the Department of Natural Resources proposed new guidance titled, "Land Disturbance Communication Tools". Included in this document is a summary of the comments received and the changes made to the guidance based on those comments.

Summary of Comments

There were no comments received from the public. There were eleven comments submitted by department staff. There were a number of comments seeking clarification on the definition of "guidance" and whether using the guidance is required or optional. A few comments indicated the term "disturbance" in the title may be perceived as negative, and many land management activities are conducted to meet positive ecological objectives. Some suggested to include, and emphasize, that existing day-to-day outreach efforts be included as a tool and those efforts may be sufficient.

The Department made the following changes based on the feedback:

1. Changed the name of the guidance to "Public Communication Tools for Land Management Activities.
2. Changed the name of the first consideration to be more descriptive from "level" to "Type, Scale, and Intensity"
3. Included additional examples in the criteria
4. Added a statement regarding existing outreach efforts.