

Bethlehem Authority Police Report

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1. An individual reported that the Rocky Ridge Hunting Club was posting land off their Authority Lease and moving onto private property. The individual is not the property owner or a representative of a property owner. He was informed that I am familiar with the property lines in that area and will do another check when time permits. The individual did not think that was fast enough and I explained he is not a property owner or a representative of any property owner therefore he does not have any official status for a complaint. I did check the entire lease boundary and found it to be accurate with no issues. It was later found that this individual has lost the privilege to hunt on other properties in the area and has caused issues with the Rocky Ridge Club before. I informed the Club President to let me know when this individual causes any issues.
2. A Large number of "wildlife" holes in reservoir fencing had been occurring throughout the year. The week prior to Bear Season maintenance walked the entire length of Wild Creek and Penn Forest fencing ensuring all holes had been secured.
3. During Bear Season a total of two bears were harvested on Authority land in the Wild Creek/ Penn Forest and Long Pond areas. According to PA Game Wardens most bears were harvested in the Hickory Run area this year. I found this interesting as we have a large bear population on the properties.
4. The McMichael's Hunting club reported a trespass to the Game Commission during the rifle bear season. These individuals were putting on a drive for bear on Authority property leased to the club when Game Wardens located them. PA Game Wardens issued citations to these persons for the offense.
5. Logging has begun near Grass Lake in Long Pond and the equipment has been moved inside the gate. With it being deer season hunters have been very cooperative/ respectful about not parking by the

gate to allow access for the large equipment. I have made checks with the logger and he has not had any issues with hunters.

6. Rifle deer season is almost over. Hunting activity is about the same as last year. Several deer have been harvested, but a lot of hunters are still complaining about not seeing deer. I have also received several phone calls from hunters asking me where to hunt that will get a deer. All were informed "In the woods."