

Bethlehem Authority Police Report

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1. **Logging has begun in the Wild Creek area. Everything is going well. Logging trucks have not had any issues with people or vehicles hindering gate access. The loggers say they are currently on schedule. The other day, 4 fully loaded trucks left the area.**
2. **ATV activity is still low. Cameras did not capture any images, and no evidence of any activity was found. All human activity on the property is low. People met on patrol are usually residents who border the Authority land that regularly walk the fire lanes.**
3. **The Independence Day Holiday weekend went well. Beltzville State Park closed early on Friday and Saturday. Traffic was heavy and a few people were driving the area looking for a place to set up their grills and tents. Everyone is told; grills, fires, tents, and swimming are prohibited on Authority Property.**
4. **The first phase of the PA Game Commission fire lane rehabilitation project is near completion. We did have a few issues with trucks not closing the gates, but after a few phone calls the gates were closed. The PA Game Commission may start the next phase of the fire lane project later this summer. Phase two would move along the Tunkhannock water transmission line to the back pressure chamber off Foothill Rd. This part will be a great benefit to the authority for traveling that section of the transmission line.**
5. **The Hunter Access Program Signs given to the Authority by the PA Game Commission are posted by fire lane gates. These signs make information about the Hunter Access Program available to everyone. There is a QR code on each sign that can be scanned with a smartphone giving the user more information and rules about hunting on private lands enrolled in the Hunter Access Program. Our contact information is also on each sign so people can call without having to look up a phone number for the Authority if they need to report something or have questions while on the property.**