

Bethlehem Authority Police Report

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1. Japanese Barberry spraying has been completed in the Wild Creek area. The effects of the spray are starting to be visible. Hopefully this helps with keeping any new Barberry growth from beginning. Logging in this area will most likely start in the middle of June, giving the spray a good head start.
2. ATV and dirt bike traffic is still low. A camera picked up one image of an ATV on the edge of Authority property in the Penn Forest area. The image did not show anything that could be used to identify the ATV from others. A few of the neighboring residential communities are now requiring residents to have flags mounted on ATVs and Golf Carts for identification purposes, but this ATV did not have a flag. Overall, human activity on the property remains low this year.
3. The PA Game Commission has started using the Fire Lane in Long Pond this week bringing in stone and equipment for their fire-lane project. Everything looks good with the roadway so far. The area has had very little rain since Memorial Day weekend keeping the ground firm enough that heavy equipment isn't having any detrimental effect at this time.
4. Beltzville State Park has not closed on any weekend yet. The Memorial Day Holiday weekend was wet which kept crowds away. According to park rangers, there has been an increase in unlawful parking along Pohopoco Rd this year. Park personnel have been actively ticketing offending vehicles. Unlawful parking has not overflowed onto Authority land.
5. This week is race weekend at the Pocono Raceway. Campers and other early visitors are arriving now but Saturday and Sunday will be the heaviest traffic days. I'm not expecting any issues from the event as race weekends in recent years had low activity on Authority property.