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Good Afternoon,

I will take the blame for this disturbance since it was my idea to clear this road back for access by our dump truck to stockpile sand for future use and possibly to be used by other government agencies in case this area was needed for debris dumping, like we did in the mid-90's I think, after a major storm.

We may have cut back it more than we did last time but we periodically do this type of pruning on this road to maintain access and it has never been a problem before and no one has ever told us to watch out for this type of vegetation back there. And I am sorry but us maintenance folks are not real sharp in identifying this type of stuff. It was not a one day project and no one said anything to us while we were working and R/M folks were back and forth during the work. We were not aware of any type of interpretive program taking place in that area.

This area has been underwater for so long that I thought it was a great opportunity to clean the area up and I thought it looked better. I truly hope that the plants are not lost and apologize for not letting everyone know what we were doing.

John Wescott

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Interesting situation with ramifications on many levels that I will fully weigh in on when I get the time. One quick observation is that this colony probably should have been roped off and identified to avoid such a disturbance, particularly if it was a site that Interp. was using for a program. Blue curl isn't an identified protected species in the IPSMS and therefore somewhat out of Britta's realm. We haven't had a Resource Management person to deal with issues other than the IPSMS (except me) since I arrived. Furthermore, there is no existing comprehensive database that would have keyed us to this problem. In fact, RM has an absolutely deficient record keeping and document control system that far precedes our current natural resource staff.

This situation points up a very real problem in our system. I'm afraid a comprehensive solution may be some years off. It's nice that Marcia identified this specific issue, but it's unfortunate that it's after the fact.

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I was recently made aware that vegetation was cleared along the side of the old Loran Station road in order to accommodate a truck that would be dumping sand from ramp 43 parking area. The clearing has removed a population of dune blue curls, *Trichostema spp.* that has been there for years. The plant is listed as a federal species of concern as well as a state rare and imperiled. Since the plants had yet to go to seed, the species may be permanently removed from the site.

The site is also used for one of our scheduled programs Winged World and the removal of the vegetation has removed the habitat used by some of the species we cover. The site is just plain ugly now. Before sand is dumped at the program site, I would like to be included in the discussion.

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