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It was requested this morning on the bird call that DR's, or Acting in my case, send up a list of what we are currently doing to deter vandalism and/or violations at the bird closures. Also requested were ideas for additional options to help in deterring violations at the closures. On the fly, here is what I have come up with:

**What we do:**

- Regular Patrols - We are currently spending as much time in the field as possible and showing as much presence as we possibly can.
- Patrol Logs - Each ranger is currently keeping a patrol log. How detailed they keep track of their patrol activities is up to them. These are mostly used to record vehicle counts, verbal warnings, and miscellaneous notes.
- Observing suspicious vehicles and people - We are always looking for people and vehicles that are out of place.
- Extended Patrol Hours - The Hatters District Staff has already began extending our hours of operation from 7am to 10pm on weeknights and midnight on weekends.
- Communication between divisions. Without good communication we would not of been able to catch the violators in both closure entries over the weekend or have been able to narrow each event of vandalism to a window of only a few hours.

**What we can do additionally:**

- Keep better track of what we are seeing at the closures while on patrol. ie.. what time we are where, what the condition of the signs is, which signs are washed out, etc..
- Record more tag #'s of vehicles observed in the area. I know we don't have the time to write down every single tag of every car on the beach all the time, but recording the tag of the two vehicles fishing late at night or the lone truck parked near the closure could be beneficial.
- Plain clothes patrols. Use unmarked vehicles and plain clothes officers in an attempt to catch a violator. I think this would be especially helpful for closure entry violations.
- Deploy the Guardian Camera. I'm still checking to see if this is a viable option. The only sensor we can use is the seismic sensor and I'm afraid the crash of the waves will set it off.
- Watch from a distance using a spotting scope. Not quite sitting in the lighthouse as suggested, but there is probably some vantage point from which the Cape Point and South Beach closures could be observed simultaneously.
- Parking people at the closures. I think as long as there's a body there, LE, Resource, or Volunteer its not going to get messed with. You can see if anyone is around from most of the closures. If not, there free game for vandals.

So, this is what I have come up with. Please consider our already thin staff. McCutcheon is on leave, Goad is gone for training, and Churchman is detailed to BI. I'm sure there are a lot of other options that I didn't think of but if we put our heads together we can figure something out. Hope this was helpful and along the lines of what you requested.

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