

# Summary of the Maunakea Ranger Reports

March – July 2015

## Introduction

As leaseholder of 11,288 acres of Conservation District Use land on Maunakea, the University of Hawaii (UH) is responsible for protecting resources and looking out for the health, and safety of those visiting Maunakea. Daily monitoring and recording of activities observed on the UH managed lands are the responsibility of the Maunakea rangers. Rangers are the first line of authority and emergency response.

Summarizing the protest activity that began March 24, 2015 through present, this report lists excerpts from Ranger Reports. Protest incidents are grouped into the following three major areas of concern:

- Safety, Trespassing and Interference with Official Function;
- Resource management: Threats to natural, historical and cultural resources, damage/defacement of property, and conflicts over resources; and
- Social impacts: Harassing/hostile/intimidating comments or gestures

## List of Abbreviations

DLNR	Department of Land and Natural Resources
DOCARE	Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement
HP	Halepōhaku
HPD	Hawai'i County Police Department
MKSS	Maunakea Observatories Support Services
OMKM	Office of Maunakea Management
PSG	Pacific Security Group
SMA	Smithsonian Submillimeter Array
TMT	Thirty Meter Telescope
VIS	Onizuka Center for International Astronomy, Visitor Information Station

## Safety, Trespassing and Interference with Official Function

From March 24, 2015 through present, groups of protesters some up to nearly 200 persons, have sporadically been onsite on the University of Hawai'i management lands and DLNR lands on Maunakea. A group of about 10 protesters has maintained a continuous presence day and night.

There are numerous and immediate safety concerns with groups of people, such as the Maunakea protestors, who continuously congregate close to the access road that has a fair amount, but not a constant flow of traffic. Of particular concern are children who have been observed running and playing in the road. Protestors are frequently reminded about maintaining a clear roadway and about safety concerns to not stand in the road. Although warned by our rangers, people and children forget that cars do sometimes drive by fast or, as observed on several occasions, vehicle brakes fail due to overheating from constant use when driving down the steep access road. Protestors have blocked people who work on the mountain from accessing their work place, and interfered in, and increased road maintenance activities.

**3/24/2015** – [Road closed due to the wide loads on the roadway] Road reopens at about 11:35 AM. Subsequently, two protestors engage in a minor confrontation with a ranger at Park 3. The protestors disagree with the road closure and claim ownership of mountain.

**3/26/2015**, (All day) Rangers monitor protestors near VIS, conduct traffic control and advise visitors that the Hawaiians are protesting against building the TMT facility atop Maunakea. Rangers request visitors to respect protestors' beliefs.

- 15:35, HPD responds to a minor nuisance complaint. A female visitor said she was harassed by protestors as she attempted to drive through the VIS entranceway. HPD issues notice for obstruction of traffic notice to protestors.

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- 7:35 – "...Met with protest leader & protestors across from the VIS. Talked over some guidelines, made sure he knew his followers were not to go onto the roadway, stop vehicles or harass them in any way. Said he understood and would follow the letter of the law..."
- 16:00 – "Met with protester who refused to cooperate and move the pop-up tent they had set up in the parking area usually reserved for the tour company vehicles. He said they had as much right as anyone to park or set up in that area... he kept stating 'there are no rules' regarding the regulation of parking here."

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- Rangers request protest leader to move signs and tents out from the VIS parking lot, an established parking area, and provide options where to relocate to. The tent may block drivers' views into and out of VIS entranceway, creating unsafe situations.
- UH professor on site to conduct a study for OMKM focusing on sedimentation, erosion and climate change, utilizing a photography drone. This research project has been approved by the Maunakea Management Board. Protestors had many questions about the activity, "but in the end were satisfied with professor's presentation to them and would not object to the use of the drone."
- MKSS fuel pump appears to have lost power and rangers are unable to refuel patrol vehicles. MKSS notified.

**3/29/2015**, In response to rangers' repeated request to move tent/belongings and provide clear views into/from VIS driveway, protesters state they are not going to relocate because they feel they have equal rights to be alongside the road.

**3/30/2015**, From approximately 7 AM through 3 PM, all four, on-duty rangers are involved in traffic control and safety monitoring of TMT protest at VIS.

**4/1/2015**, 15:00 Rangers unlock a protestor's vehicle to access baby diapers. "Whole family was very happy and appreciative of rangers' assistance."

**4/2/2015**, Protesters blocking road at VIS. After repeated, ignored requests to maintain a clear roadway, HPD arrests protesters at VIS. Protest activity then proceeds to cinder portion of summit access road and to the SMA and TMT sites, resulting in additional arrests in these areas by both HPD and DOCARE officers.

**4/3/2015**, Early morning: Protesters still blocking summit road at the VIS, preventing TMT and Goodfellows workers from accessing the site.

- 8:00: Two protestor vehicles blocking SMA array. Workers may only walk in. Vehicles operated by TMT contractors, Bacon Universal and PSG security, are trapped. TMT immediately requests police aid.
- 10:30: An estimated 50 protesters in SMA field is blocking SMA entranceway; cleared by evening with arrival of HPD and DOCARE
- Afternoon – Two vehicles of young protesters decide to ride boogieboards in snow on Poliahu instead of protest
- 16:20 – Ranger notices and photographs a Hawaiian flag and a Sovereign Nation of Hawaii flag that have been placed upside-down on Pu'upoliahu.

**4/4/2015**, Early morning – Two pickup trucks park near the TMT site. About twelve protesters are then observed walking outer perimeter of fence. One male with tripod and video camera appears to be filming site activity.

- 14:44-15:57 – Ranger advises protest leader that he observed "a lot of young protesters were riding on the rail of the pick- up truck beds while traveling to and from the summit," and that it is dangerous for them to do so.
- Hawaiian flag found on the summit and photographed by rangers. Collected as "lost and found" item.

**4/5/2015**, 10:25 – Ranger removes upside-down Hawaiian flag and upside-down Sovereign Nation of Hawaii flag from Pu'upoliahu.

**4/6/2015**, 16:15 – Ranger transports 19-year old male from Pu'upoliahu to protestor tents. The young male told the ranger he passed out prior to the ranger's arrival, and that some of his friends were still on Pu'upoliahu.

**4/7/2015**, 10:30 – Two adult females and one young female child are observed walking the perimeter of the TMT site and appear to conduct a cultural blessing. No entry made.

- 13:35. Hail at Park 2. Deteriorating weather conditions, including snow/ice flurries, freezing temperatures, and icing-up of road sections. Rangers initiate road closure procedures and sweep summit to clear visitors.

#### **4/8/2015**

- 14:30 – Group of about eight protesters conduct *pule* on Subaru cinder road. Group advised to keep road clear for thru traffic.
- Sunset: State of Hawaii two-wheel-drive Chevrolet van lost braking function on descent. To stop the vehicle, driver drove it upon embankment near Second Bend. All passengers OK and transferred to another vehicle. Arrangements made for vehicle tow.

**4/10/2015**, Rangers remind protest leaders that some protesters are still blocking roadway and stopping vehicles at VIS. Rangers are reminding protesters throughout the day to maintain unimpeded access.

**4/11/2015**, 13:45 – 20 protesters in five vehicles are observed at TMT site. Some protesters entered the fenced perimeter and prayed. Protesters then removed rod irons from the area, carrying rods to a TMT truck that was parked outside the site, and placed the rods within the truck bed.

#### **4/12/2015**

- Early morning: High number of protesters (100+), onsite for ceremonial and other activities, of which “majority had spent the night.” Estimated 250 vehicles parked around the midlevel facilities.
- One pickup truck with three protesters observed at James Clerk Maxwell Telescope entranceway.

**4/13/2015**, Throughout day, two to three groups of protesters are at the TMT site. Rangers monitor site activity and advise protesters of speed limit within the SMA field and on the cinder roads; also advise of health/safety concerns for infants and young children.

- 7:13 – Ranger relates safety concerns for protesters standing in traffic to a protest leader. He responds will relay these concerns.
- 10:18 – PSG relates to Ranger that three protesters entered TMT site on foot after walking the “Hilo” perimeter of fence. PSG issued a verbal trespass notice and protesters eventually left.
- 15:52 – PSG states that four adult males, two adult females and a ten-year-old male hiked into TMT site. No trespass notice issued per PSG Supervisor directive.

#### **4/14/2015**

- 8:46 – Ranger observes two vehicles exiting from TMT site. PSG Supervisor states there were 17 young adults “who did not enter their property.”
- 19:50 – Estimated count of 13 adult protesters camping this evening.

**4/16/2015**, Ranger meets with protesters fronting VIS – request to not block road and not stop cars. Compliance expressed.

**4/19/2015**, Multiple incidents, including:

- Suspected use of two photography/video-recording drones near VIS by protesters;
- Protesters entering SMA and TMT sites;

- Estimated over 30 protesters in crosswalk. Rangers inform group leader of danger of remaining in traffic lanes.

#### **4/21/2015**

- 7:15 - Rangers determine that all unattended items on the summit are to be recorded by the VIS as lost and found, per lost and found policy, and stored at Ranger Office.
- 10:55 – Four adult protesters on TMT property.

**4/22/2015**, Estimated 40 protesters near VIS, including five children and two infants.

**4/25/2015**, Between approximately 8:39 – 15:00, rangers observed protesters driving up toward summit and/or conducting activity on the summit.

- 8:39 – Grey Honda Pilot sports utility vehicle with four female occupants observed in SMA field, hoisting a Hawaiian flag. Later observed near NASA IRTF facility.
- 10:20 – Near Park 1, Ranger passed a silver pickup truck with three male occupants; one occupant held a Hawaiian flag.
- 15:00 – Near Park 1, ranger observed two additional vehicles ascending. Occupants included three children under 16 years of age.
- 15:05 – Two persons on Poliahu who appeared to be praying.

#### **4/27/2015**

- 10:25, High of approximately 45 protesters along the roadside and fronting the VIS.

#### **5/8/2015**

- 19:30 – Ranger contacted protestor at VIS entranceway and requested he remove their Hawaiian flags from the OMKM traffic cones. Protester stated he was sorry and removed the flags immediately.

#### **5/9/2015**

Afternoon – Two females observed leaving TMT site. PSG Security staff stated the females took photos but were not protesters.

#### **5/10/2015**

- 13:46 – Unauthorized vehicle, silver Toyota Tundra, parked at entrance of the TMT site. Rangers observed two males and two females on the site and informed these persons to vacate site. Rangers waited for protesters to depart; departure by 14:14.

#### **5/11/2015**

- Early morning – ranger contacts a protest leader near the VIS. Protest leader states that the protesters are headed to the summit this morning to monitor military and private helicopters, which protest leader believes will transport and unload construction materials at the TMT site. Protest leader states his sources have informed him of this.
- 15:30 – ranger observes a white Toyota pickup truck with a group of protesters is heading up the summit access road.

#### **5/12/2015**

- Morning – New protest sign observed in protesters' area.
- Late evening – New 'pop-up' tent beside the existing brown tent.

**5/18/2015**

- 7:56 – ranger estimates approximately 32 protesters at tent site across VIS and 17 vehicles parked along the roadway.
- 9:36-12:45 – ranger observes three protestor vehicles headed up the summit road, “full with protesters.” PSG Security informed.
- 10:21 - Four vehicles observed parked at SMA Area F, the westernmost pad. One young male, appeared to be under 16 years old and was sitting in one of the parked vehicles, waiting for his parents to return. Approximately 14 protesters were 75 yards west of the barricades, walking toward the Kaluamakane area. Group left around 11:30.
- 10:28 – ranger collects a disposable face mask near SMA antenna 8
- 12:10 – ranger notes new tent since yesterday in protestor area.
- 12:18 – Broken rubber base of a traffic cone at Park 3.

**5/19/2015**

- 8:58 – Men’s soiled underwear near SMA antenna pad #7

**5/23/2015**

- Morning – Four adult protesters sleeping in sleeping bags on the hilltop “right above” (VIS?)
- 11:15 – rangers observe and photograph free tattooing performed in the *hale* across VIS

**5/24/2015**

- 18:15 – Protest leader and four others observed at TMT site, “commuted via DLNR SUV. All appeared [in order]...”

**5/29/2015**

- Ranger photographs a cluster of rocks/cinder with organic material on the DLNR Forest Reserve, about 40-50 feet *mauka* of the tents. Protesters onsite relate that members of their group had built it. The feature was noticed by at least one OMKM employee in late April.

**5/30/2015** – Four protesters praying and chanting at TMT 13N, just outside of the driveway cones.

**6/1/2015** - *Ka Umeke* Charter School chanting on summit access road fronting VIS while blocking roadway, in support of Maunakea protesters.

**6/4/2015** – *Wa’a* (canoe) parked beside the protesters’ *hale*.

**6/9/2015** – Protesters group leader relates to ranger that they plan to pound poi onsite today to share with everyone. Three protester vehicles observed with oil pans under front-ends.

**6/10/2015**

- 11:13 – TMT site security supervisor consults with ranger regarding Hawaii Tribune Herald newspaper article, 6/7/2015, page A-10, which featured a male in a “black Aloha print shirt” seated in the protester tent across from the VIS. TMT security related that he approached the male on the summit and the male stated he was an off-duty police officer.
- (Per WI, OMKM staff) CFHT large-load delivery of new equipment was blocked by protesters at VIS (outcome?). WI witnessed the incident.

### 6/11/2015

- Protest leader being interviewed by a film crew near protesters' hale across from the VIS. At first I was told that a "CNN" film crew was interviewing different leader, but later protesters told me that members of the film crew had admitted to them that they didn't actually work for CNN... It was an independent film crew that was hoping to sell their footage to CNN or possibly other news organizations..."
- Ranger observed a “Ke Kanaka Maoli” Hawaiian flag on the MKSS Utilities front-end loader, parked at Utilities facility above HP.
- 16:10 PM, new visitors onsite, some belonging to local reggae band, “L8 Ones” who were escorted by the protesters to the hale. Meanwhile, rental vans operated by persons in the protest camp were parked too close to the road and ranger requested vans to “please move [it]... a little further off the street.” Reggae musicians played a few songs for the group and then left for the summit. Ranger advised to use four-wheel-drive vehicles only.
- Ranger contacted person, parked in the “Authorized Vehicles Only” parking above the VIS entrance. He asked if he “could park across the street as all the tour vans were arriving at this time,” and began to yell and become disorderly. Ranger left. After about ten minutes, he drove away.
- 19:50 – VIS staff member reports that protesters were yelling, “I love Hawaii!” during the VIS evening stargazing activity. When contacted about this, protestor insisted he was not trying to interrupt the VIS, but simply and spontaneously expressing his love for Hawaii. He was provided with a laser pointer to conduct his own star show, which was “good.”
- 22:00 – while assisting with VIS closing, a VIS employees relates to the ranger *that someone overheard a protester state*, “they (protesters) went up to the TMT site. There was an incident involving one of the protesters trying to serve a restraining order to the PSG personnel. None of this was reported [to the rangers].”

**6/12/2015:** 13:50 – MKSS employee relates that an older male protester entered the VIS and was “belligerent to a visitor and staff... the man had since left the VIS but could be seen across the street at the protesters’ encampment gesturing and pointing angrily over towards the VIS...”

### 6/15/2015

- Late morning – PSG Supervisor relates to ranger on summit patrol that two protesters wanted an interview with PSG personnel. Upon PSG declining, the protesters drove off. Meanwhile, ranger at VIS spoke with protesters about concerns that had arisen recently and asked protesters to clear the road for vehicles.

**6/16/2015:** 9:15, Eight (8) protesters observed conducting a *pule* near the TMT site, in front of the PSG barricades

**6/22/2015:** 7:10, observed a protestor's child urinating next to one of the vehicles parked beside protest tent.

- 10:45, protesters near the VIS block the summit access road upon witnessing an approaching vehicle. Vehicle unable to proceed.
- 14:05, 20-30 protesters on summit. The group is unloading rocks from a private truck and placing rocks via a human chain on the TMT driveway, between the two parked grader/excavator machines. Protesters state they are creating an *ahu*.

**6/23/2015:** TMT construction announced to resume today. Protestors placed large rocks in the summit access road, effectively blocking one lane, or in some areas, nearly both lanes of traffic. Maunakea employees who witnessed the event stated protestors "escorted" at least one Maunakea ranger who had been unable to exit the area due to the large rock debris in the road.

- 14:20 – ranger observed a group of 15-20 protesters walk from the Subaru entranceway through TMT 13-North site.
- 14:28 –PSG guard relates to ranger that 30-40 protestors were building "another" *ahu* on the lower side of 13-North, and were accompanied by two newsmen. Due to the terrain, the ranger was unable to personally see protestors.
- TMT vehicles unable to access the site due to *ahu* in TMT driveway. Construction activity aborted for the day due to blockage of vehicular access. HPD determines road closure necessary.
- 17:49 – PSG guard states about ten protestors are still onsite.

#### **6/24/2015**

- 6:50 – Ranger reported that a human chain had been formed and is blocking the road from MKSS baseyard to MM 0.5. Ranger also observed two newly-constructed *ahu* between MM 3 and 5. A stone wall barrier was also set up at 4<sup>th</sup> Bend, creating a single lane of traffic.
- [Noon time – Ranger reports being trapped on the mountain due to the construction of rock walls on the road]
- 14:00 – Protestors blocking road at VIS driveway and prevent DLNR DOCARE officers, leading a caravan of TMT work vehicles, from reaching the TMT construction site. The procession took about four hours. Ranger notes protestors seem upset by the earlier arrests, stating, "...tension at the scene was high as many verbal exchanges were made between protestors and the DOCARE officers." HPD, which had been released from duty on Maunakea, was dispatched back via 911 but still not on-scene as of 16:40.
  - 19:50 – rangers provided notification of road closure due to the hazards in the roadway.
- [Permafrost research team reports they encountered rock walls on the road preventing vehicle access. Protestors in the area helped remove large rocks from the end of one wall, but the researchers had to remove rocks from two other walls without the assistance of the protestors]

**6/25/2015:** Approximately 60-80 protestors gathered at the midlevel area around the VIS. Road closure in effect indefinitely.

**6/26/2015:** 6:50 – HPD notified regarding alleged vehicular incident with protester who was walking on the summit road. Patient declined medical attention and ambulance.

**6/27/2015:** Rangers explain agreement made on the prior day between Chief Ranger and protest leaders: rangers will provide a daily, noontime escort to the summit for persons wishing to conduct traditional cultural practice. Protester refutes this, stating that those leaders are not here today, he is, and he demands that the summit road be reopened and practitioners be allowed to go up whenever they wish. Nonetheless, two separate, small groups agree and are escorted to the Hokukea parking area. Upon completion of their ceremony and escort at 14:10, the practitioners state they were satisfied with the conduct.

**6/28/2015:**

- Between 13:30-14:30, ranger met a protester group wishing to access the summit. Ranger explained the agreement made between protest leaders. Coincidentally, one of the protest leaders called one of the protesters then. Protest leader did not acknowledge nor affirm the agreement made, but only stated it was *pono* for the protesters to go up. Ranger escorted the group from 14:30 – 19:30 as they made blessings along the summit road.
- 14:40 – VIS staff request ranger assistance for an 84 year old male visitor who felt weak and tired, and requested juice due to low blood sugar/diabetes; however, patient refused ambulance transport and stated to the responding ranger that he wanted to go up the mountain and die with dignity. At around 18:00, the male began to walk up the summit road, accompanied by a woman. Ranger advised they discontinue. Man replied, “You’re gonna have to arrest me to stop me.” The man instructed his female companion to dig a shallow hole which he then laid in and directed the woman to cover him with cinders, *kanaka maoli* flags and a blanket. Patient is awake, alert and verbally responsive. A Maunakea ranger, PTFD and HPD are on scene and standing by. HPD transported patient.

**6/29/2015**

- DOCARE officers on-scene to assist with road closure monitoring.
- 13:00 Ranger escorts truckload of cultural practitioners unto the TMT 13-North site.

**7/1/2015:** Protester disagrees with various aspects of the escort agreement, including the designated time of 13:00, maximum number of ten participants and two vehicles. Protester states that Maunakea is their “church” and they should be allowed to go freely and “pule” when called upon, without a ranger escort.

**7/2/2015**

- 09:05 – Ranger contacts male protester at VIS road closure. Another ranger described protester as “arrogant, unfriendly, disrespectful, and demanding” and “demanded his religious practice rights to the summit without cause for obstructing traffic.” Ranger responded that the road is closed to thru-vehicle traffic and Humu’ula Trail is open to the public, and the escort agreement regarding time frame, number of vehicles and number of protesters. Protester interrupted ranger, calling him a “f###ing haole.” (At

approximately 13:00, Ranger escorted same protester and female passenger, Hokulani Freitas to conduct pule at Lake Waiau; while they hiked to Lake, ranger escorted other three practitioners to the summit; group reunited with first two at Park 3 around 15:30.

- Scheduled group was late for the 1300 escort and did not abide by the one hour time limit at the summit.

## 7/5/2015

- At about 05:33, one male, a man and an unidentified female proceeded to hike up the summit road. Ignored advice to use Humu'ula Trail. Female appeared to be holding a video camera and filming as they hiked. The couple returned at 13:45.
- 13:20 – At road closure, Ranger gave safety briefing, escorted protest group for about 23 protesters in 5 vehicles to 13-N for cultural practice. Group notified of trespassing should they enter the site; group allowed onto the site and was led by protest leader. Prayers made at both *ahus* on the TMT site. One female felt dizzy, assisted back to vehicle by PSG guards; one male short of breath who rested briefly before also returning to vehicle. “Protester and others were very happy with escort and [accommodations] provided.” Photo taken of the practitioners, dressed in white or traditional dress, conducting pule at TMT site near the *ahu*.
- 15:30 – Another protester and group onsite and confrontational with ranger as to why the road is closed, etc. Left about a half-hour later.

### **Resource management: Threats to natural, historical and cultural resources, damage/defacement of property, and conflicts over resources**

Numerous individuals and various groups appear to be participating in the protest. Semi-permanent tent shelters and other cultural features including a rock assemblage/shrine, sailing canoe, and *hale* have been placed or constructed on DLNR Forest Reserve land across from the Maunakea Visitor Information Station (VIS); protest signs, statues and graffiti have been placed on or deface state property; and protesters are frequently seen in or near the roadway fronting the VIS and in summit observatory areas. Unpermitted activities conducted by protesters have included the use of open flame/fires, overnight camping, moving of rocks, creation of rock piles, stacking of rocks and the construction of rock walls in the summit access road, placement of a canoe on the Forest Reserve land, and creation of manmade structures such as canopy tents and a *hale* of various wooden logs, sticks and thatching. The Big Island Invasive Species Committee and OMKM Natural Resources team reported observing an invasive ant species, *Ochetellus glaber*, on thatching material, a non-native palm frond, from construction of the protesters' *hale*<sup>1</sup>. With the increased users on the mountain, rangers have also recorded and collected higher amounts of trash on the UH managed lands, including outside plant materials.

The high numbers of protesters have led to tension and resource conflicts over water, electricity and parking. During patrols of the Science Reserve, rangers have collected plant materials including black bamboo, ti leaf plants, a monkey seed pod, and guava sticks. Plant

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<sup>1</sup> See attached OMKM Maunakea Natural Resource Program Update for March-April 2015.

materials are identified as a high risk for the inadvertent introduction of potential invasive species.

**3/31/2015**, 20:10 - Ranger observes open fire in vicinity of the protesters' canopy and informs protesters that dry vegetation can cause out of control fire. Protesters extinguish fire.

**4/1/2015**, Protesters lit a tiki torch on roadside near VIS parking lot and extinguish it after being informed the torch presents an extreme fire hazard.

**4/5/2015**, Early morning summit inspection – ranger notices ti leaves across TMT entranceway.

- Evening – ranger collects a coconut from the roadside, below Park 1.

**4/6/2015**, 8:55 – ti leaf *ahu* observed on Pu'uwēkiu trail, south of the summit (photo).

- Rangers also document graffiti on a public, road safety sign. Graffiti reads "KIA'I MAUNA" (photo).

**4/11/2015**, 19:30 – Wood poles arrive on a trailer and protesters unload the poles unto Forest Reserve, across from the VIS. When the ranger informed protesters that DOCARE advised obtaining permits for the structure, a protest leader replied it would not be permanent, instead "like a tent."

#### **4/12/2015**

- 8:15-9:33, Rangers speak with protesters about planned *hale* construction on DLNR managed lands. Protesters state they will continue plans despite advisory from DLNR on need for a permit, and they will ask for proof of ownership of those lands of DLNR
- Large amount of trash collected above Park 2, Haukea Pass and along SMA road. Items include chicken bones, beer bottles and bottle caps, plastic water bottle, paper napkins, and other debris.

#### **4/20/2015**

- Large amount of trash picked up from eastern slope of Pu'uhaukea, including empty water bottles, aluminum drink cans, socks, gloves, papers and dead ti plants.
- 8:24 – K. Kanuha and six others enter TMT site and begin questioning onsite personnel. PSG Supervisor issues a trespassing notice to the group "which did not appear to [faze] them and a female was picking up rebar relating that it was trash she found outside the site."
- 10:00 – Estimated 160-170 protesters across VIS and 80-100 vehicles

#### **4/24/2015**

- 18:40 - Protestor confronts VIS staff over use of an electrical outlet at the VIS patio. Ranger intervened.

#### **5/5/2015**

- 7:30 – Ranger informs protest leader of a tent erected in the mamane tree on DLNR Forest Reserve land. Protest leader replies that he knows nothing about the tent and will talk with his group to sleep in their cars and not put up tents. Ranger then able to

determine who tent-owner is and that no camping is allowed on DLNR lands. Owner states he is sorry and plans to breakdown tent.

### 6/28/2015

- Meeting held regarding need for site security and posting two HPD officers onsite from x—x time

### 6/30/2015

- Protesters remove tent and belongings from Zone 1, adjacent to the VIS, and install two portable toilets there.

### 7/1/2015

- PSG Security relates to ranger s/he observed fruit flies around the TMT *ahu* (created the prior Wednesday or Thursday). The flies are probably attracted by decomposing organic material or offerings placed on the *ahu*.

**7/4/2015:** 17:55, Ranger notified of possible fireworks lit on Pu'ukalepeamoā. Upon arrival on scene, permitted commercial tour driver relates that the offending party had left.

### **Social impacts: Harassing/hostile/intimidating comments or gestures**

Amid growing concerns expressed by visitors and potential visitors, the protesters' civil disobedience has occasionally ruptured into harassing and intimidating comments and gestures. VIS staff report that protesters have created a hostile environment. Observatory personnel not associated with TMT feel intimidated by protesters, relating that they do not want conflict or confrontation with the protesters; some of these workers have also related that protestors have made threats or threatening gestures at them.

Since protests began, OMKM observed a drop in the number of commercial tours visiting Maunakea<sup>2</sup>. This number is the lowest for the given one-month period of March 23-April 23 in the past five years:

2011 – 473 tour vehicles  
2012 – 473 tour vehicles  
2013 – 507 tour vehicles  
2014 – 508 tour vehicles  
2015 - 470 tour vehicles

### 3/25/2015

- 8:30-9:00 – “Interact with local people at the VIS [parking lot], that were concerned of protesters issues on the summit and or if it is safe to visit the summit without any confrontation with protesters. Advised them that the summit is open to the public.”
- 13:56 – OMKM employee called for special duty offers in the TMT site due to two protesters cursing at them. Two HPD officers and security guards responded. All workers left the site for the day.
- 14:26 – Protesters are “causing a disturbance with the project.”

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<sup>2</sup> Numbers based on commercial passenger slips submitted by each UH-permitted tour operator. 2015 numbers as of April 29, 2015. Currently, some commercial operators have voluntarily suspended or cancelled tours.

- 20:00 – “Ranger Office. Consult with [ranger] regarding suspicious vehicles and possible protesters staging within the area of the VIS.”

**3/26/2015**, approximately 15:35 - HPD responds to a minor nuisance complaint. A female visitor said she was harassed by protesters as she attempted to drive through the VIS entranceway. HPD issued an obstruction of traffic notice to protesters.

**4/5/2015**, Early morning summit inspection –ti leaves across TMT entranceway.

- 8:15 – Violent threats including use of firearms against TMT persons posted on social media. FBI notified and initiates investigation. VIS hires a special duty officer.
- 13:50 – TMT site guards observe a few protesters walk the site perimeter. No further incident.

**4/9/2015**, Claiming that they are seeking to verify his identity and purpose, protesters question a TMT employee who is visiting Maunakea on his day off. Rangers report two trucks full of protesters follow the employee as he proceeds up the summit access road.

- 14:10 – Protesters appear to be blocking VIS entranceway. HPD officer onsite.
- 14:40 – Four vans bearing Department of Education seals are driven by teachers/administrators of Kanu O Ka Aina high school, and are transporting students to the protest.
- 17:00 – Approximately 15 protesters briefly enter TMT site.

**4/10/2015**, Noise complaint – SMA employee relates to ranger that some observatory night-workers are having trouble sleeping in the daytime due to high levels of noise from protesters.

- VIS staffmember reports that “it was loud at the VIS with the protesters using the speakers again today.” Ranger spoke to protesters about complaint and public address system was turned down.

**7/2/2015:** At about 09:00, ranger at the road closure gate contacts protester who wishes to visit Pu’upoliahu. Protester i is reportedly arrogant, disrespectful and demanding of official personnel and upon explanation of the summit road closure, tells the ranger he is no longer one of “them” and is an “f^cking haole.’ At 13:00, another ranger escorts protester and a female companion to conduct *pule* at Lake Waiau, and a separate group of three practitioners to the summit.

**7/3/2015:**

13:15 – Eleven persons in two vehicles confront the ranger awaiting to provide cultural escort to the summit. All the protesters have cameras out and appear to be recording the interaction. A protester, one of the drivers, again questions the road closure. Ranger decides that no escort will take place, to vehement opposition from cultural parties. While still on the paved road, protester then claims his vehicle has broken-down. The group then conducts several chants and *pule*, and soon after descends in their vehicles. Two VIS staff express to ranger that they are uncomfortable with these events and will not be assisting further at the road closure that day.