

## Visitor and Resource Protection

The Visitor Protection Division had a productive year in FY 2005 with an emphasis on resource protection through law enforcement.

Efforts were made to deter marijuana growing within the park and as a result, no grow sites were discovered this year. This was a major improvement from the last few years when several sites have been discovered with associated resource damage.

Investigations into burglaries of cars parked at trailheads resulted in felony prosecution of two individuals after they were identified from a store video using stolen credit cards. Alert Park Rangers apprehended them in the park. The case was turned over to the Marin County Sheriff's Office when evidence in the suspect's vehicle was discovered which tied them to numerous other thefts from cars outside the park.

One of the major incidents this year was the shipwreck of the Christopher M. This boat, a 65' former navy patrol vessel, had mechanical difficulties and came ashore on and damaged Duxbury Reef at Bolinas Point, a sensitive environmental area. Working with cooperating agencies, the park responded to the wreck, dealt with spill issues and debris cleanup, and removed the wreckage from the reef. A long-term monitoring effort is now in effect to determine damage to the reef ecosystem.



The Christopher M wreckage (above), removal of debris by helicopter, and oil sheen in tidepool

