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Ms Wells,

I'm writing as a private person to share some suggestions to improve the planned trespasser data collection activities.

Firstly, I strongly believe that the data collection activities will yield useful information at individual-levels, above and beyond the information currently recorded in various existing FRA safety databases, to prevent future trespassing events.

Secondly, I would like to suggest that information related to **socio-economic conditions** of the trespassers are recorded e.g. **occupation, income level**. In the past, as a researcher at a public university, I found that historically more than 80% of trespassings occurred at communities with below the U.S. median income of about \$60k (see an example result below based on *income information at census tract level*). If the socio-economic information is collected, FRA could further test the hypothesis whether communities with lower income level or high unemployment (i.e. have more extra free time) lead to more trespassing - this could help prioritize the local law enforcement agencies to collaborate with to address the issue.

2017 Trespassing by Income Group

Income	Count	Pct	Cum Pct
Less than \$24,000	35	4.9%	4.9%
\$24,000	54	7.6%	12.5%
\$29,000	94	13.2%	25.6%
\$34,000	105	14.7%	40.3%
\$39,000	83	11.6%	52.0%
\$44,000	58	8.1%	60.1%
\$49,000	55	7.7%	67.8%
\$54,000	49	6.9%	74.6%
\$59,000	42	5.9%	80.5%
\$64,000	28	3.9%	84.5%
\$69,000	16	2.2%	86.7%
\$74,000	20	2.8%	89.5%
\$79,000	16	2.2%	91.7%
\$84,000	15	2.1%	93.8%
\$89,000	6	0.8%	94.7%
\$94,000	2	0.3%	95.0%
Greater than \$99,000	36	5.0%	100.0%

Best regards,

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