

Subject: Hog Management Report for BCA - August 2018

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This is the monthly report for the BCA hog management program for August 2018. Jesse Paul took 100 hogs in August. This month 40 hogs were taken with dogs vs. 60 in traps, as noted below.

Property breakdown is as follows:

1st Place: 5 with dogs and 24 in a trap.
2nd Place: 19 in a trap.
3rd Place: 8 in a trap.
4th, 5th and 6th (TIE): 6 with dogs; 2 with dogs and 4 in trap.
7th and 8th (TIE): 5 with dogs; 5 in a trap.
9th and 10th (TIE): 4 with dogs each.
11th and 12th (TIE): 3 with dogs each.
13th Place: 2 with dogs.

The remainder of the properties: had no hogs this month.

For the first time in recent memory, traps outperformed the dogs in a big way. Although twice as many properties (10) had hogs captured with dogs, compared to properties (5) where hogs were caught in traps, the capture of complete sounders in cellphone operated traps on 2 properties put them in the top 2 spots, and accounted for 43% of the total for the month.

I don't know if we can say that the drought is officially broken, but the recent rains have certainly greened things up. Consequently, the hogs are off and running to access high ground and those areas far away from permanent water. As long as the wet weather lasts, they can show up anywhere on your property. Take advantage of the (slightly) cooler weather to hike around in those far corners of the property to see what's going on, and let JP know about new hog sign.

Thanks for your continued participation and support for the Bandera Canyonlands Alliance Hog Management Program.

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