

**Subject:** Hog Management Report for BCA - August 2019

Greetings,

This is the monthly report for the BCA hog management program for August 2019. Jesse Paul took 90 hogs in August. This brings the calendar year total to 671. This month 52 hogs were taken with dogs vs. 38 in traps, as noted below.

Property breakdown is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 2 with dogs and 17 in trap.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 14 in trap.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 11 with dogs.  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: 9 with dogs.  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: 7 in trap.  
6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> (TIE): 6 each with dogs.  
8<sup>th</sup> Place: 5 with dogs.  
9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> (TIE): 4 each with dogs.  
11<sup>th</sup> Place: 3 with dogs.  
12<sup>th</sup> Place: 2 with dogs.

The remainder of properties: had no hogs this month.

I'm sure you've noticed.....it's HOT! You know it's hot when you're grateful for a forecast of 'only' 95 degrees. On top of the heat, it's really dry. I'm noticing Ashe Juniper dying in some places, and in my yard, the lantana and rosemary that are supposedly 'bulletproof' in drought conditions, have lost their leaves. This kind of weather is hard on wildlife as well as plants. You can help your local songbirds by keeping a bird bath filled, or by establishing a wildlife waterer that will capture rainwater and meter it out over an extended period (Plateau sells them). As for the hogs, they are staying pretty close to permanent water, and are almost exclusively nocturnal. On my game cameras, they are moving mostly between 1am and 7am, which makes sense, since that is the coolest part of the day. Keep a close eye on your shady streambanks, dense thickets, and spring areas; that's where the hogs will likely be hanging out.

We are still about \$600 short of our goal in our quest to acquire another cell-operated hog trap gate system. Several landowners have stepped up and made generous contributions. If you haven't yet, please consider doing so. Better program effectiveness and efficiency benefits everyone by reducing damage to our precious natural resources. And along those lines, we are at 671 hogs after 8 months of the year. This puts us on a track to possibly break the 1000 mark by the end of the year if the catch rate continues. That is remarkable because it hasn't happened in the past 10 years; in fact, it has only happened twice in program history, back in the early days when it seemed that there was a hog behind every bush. These days JP has to work a lot harder and cover a lot more acres to find significant numbers of hogs, and the cell gates certainly help make that possible.

Thanks for your continued support of the BCA Hog Management Program.

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