

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

Greetings,

This is the monthly report for the BCA hog management program for June 2019. Jesse Paul took 128 hogs in June. This brings the calendar year total to 496. This month 50 hogs were taken with dogs vs. 78 in traps, as noted below.

Property breakdown is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 3 with dogs and **49 in trap!!**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: **16 in a trap.**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 8 with dogs.

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> (TIE): 7 with dogs; 7 in a trap.

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> (TIE): 6 with dogs; 6 in a trap.

8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> (TIE): 5 each with dogs.

10<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup> (TIE): 4 each with dogs.

The remainder of properties: had no hogs this month.

Well, the bad news is, there are a ton of baby pigs on the ground right now, but the good news is that they are naive and easily convinced to enter a trap. Once all the piglets go in the trap and nothing bad happens, the sow will usually follow. This is where the cell operated gates really shine. Jesse Paul can monitor the camera until the sow goes in, then trigger the gate. The key to success is to get the whole group at once so that there are no escapees to learn from experience. The traps at the Wheeler Ranch and Love Creek Ranch really scored this month.

The program could really benefit from having another cell gate to move around the properties to wherever the action is. A complete gate system and the first year of phone service runs about \$3500; since our private grants are down this year, we just don't have the budget to make that happen. Both BCA and Orion are 501c3, tax exempt charitable organizations, so a grant to the program is tax deductible. Please consider the hog management program in your charitable giving plan.

With the heat picking up, hogs are going to be mostly nocturnal, but since there have been periodic rain events, they aren't necessarily confined to waterways, so you should be on the lookout for damage even up on the hilltops. We need to stay on top of the situation while the piglets are young and naive, and before they get bigger and able to cause more damage. Give JP a call if you come across new hog sign, especially if there are lots of tiny hoofprints.

Thanks for being a part of HOGMOP.

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