

Subject: Hog Management Report for BCA - March 2019

Greetings,

This is the monthly report for the BCA hog management program for March 2019. Jesse Paul took 78 hogs in March. This brings the calendar year total to 225. This month 51 hogs were taken with dogs vs. 27 in traps, as noted below.

Property breakdown is as follows:

1st Place: 16 in trap.
2nd Place: 9 with dogs.
3rd Place: 8 in a trap.
4th Place: 7 with dogs.
5th and 6th (TIE): 6 with dogs.
7th, 8th, and 9th (TIE): 5 with dogs.
10th and 11th (TIE): 3 with dogs.
12th and 13th (TIE): 2 with dogs; 2 in a trap.
14th Place: 1 in trap.

The remainder of properties: had no hogs this month.

April is renewal month for the hog management program. I will be sending out renewal letters electronically this month to save postage costs. HOGMOP is on an extremely tight budget these days, so please watch your inbox and get those checks in promptly.

Please welcome Allan and Debbie Johncock to HOGMOP. They own and run the motorcycle museum in Vanderpool and their property is in close proximity to a couple of other program members.

Don't forget the semi-annual BCA members meeting this Saturday. This is a joint meeting with The Nature Conservancy, and we are lucky enough to get to share in their spring BBQ at Love Creek Preserve. Don't miss it!

Over the past week, I have gone back over records for the Hog Management Program since Orion took over administration of the program in late 2003. From October 2003 through March of 2019, Jesse Paul has taken 12,026 hogs from participating properties!! The top 4 ranches have taken between 1200 and 1800 hogs each over that time frame. It's true that the hogs just keep on coming, but with improved trapping techniques, new technology, and persistence with the dogs, our annual numbers continue to decline, suggesting that we are in fact holding back the invasion and making some headway. But, there is no rest for Jesse Paul, especially this time of year when piglets are hitting the ground daily, and cowbird traps have to be checked as well. Please do your best to patrol your property and report new hog sign.... consider it an excuse to get out and enjoy the songbirds and wildflowers. Thanks for being a part of the BCA hog management program.

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