

Subject: Hog Management Report for BCA – November 2020

Greetings,

This is the monthly report for the BCA hog management program for November 2019. Jesse Paul took 31 hogs in November. This brings the calendar year total to 858. This month 17 hogs were taken with dogs vs. 14 in traps, as noted below.

Property breakdown is as follows:

1st Place: 8 in a trap
2nd Place: 6 with dogs
3rd Place: 5 with dogs
4th Place: 4 in a trap
5th Place: 3 with dogs
6th and 7th (TIE): 2 in a trap; 2 with dogs
8th Place: 1 with dogs

The remainder of the properties had no hogs this month.

It was a slow month for trapping. Remarkably, there are still acorns falling this late in the season, and the hogs are really dialed in on that. Corn just can't compete with natural forage. Unfortunately the dogs are getting limited run-time due to Jesse Paul's knee injury. I spoke to him earlier today, and he says it is slowly getting better, but still tries to buckle on him going down-slope. I can tell he is really frustrated with the limited mobility, but having dealt with a knee injury myself, I can attest that recovery takes some time. In the meantime, we're hoping that the acorns finish falling soon, so the activity in the traps will pick up.

A couple of Hogmop participants have contacted me about giving JP a 'Christmas bonus'. You don't need to go through Orion to do that; you can send him something in a Christmas card if you choose to do so. This is a personal decision; however, if you deduct charitable donations on your taxes, you may choose to send a check (made out to Orion Research) to me, and I will consolidate these into a bonus check to JP and family at Christmas, and send you a donation letter from Orion for your taxes. I'll list both mailing addresses below. Thanks for reminding me about that.

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