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Please consider my comments as follows:

I believe hogs should be killed any way they can. They are running our

Sincerely,

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Please consider my comments as follows: **Opposed to the ban of hunting on ALL federal groups. You don't need to know how many there are. Work together with citizen hunters/ranchers/farmers to control population. If you think you can eradicate, go ask every other state that has them.**

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Please consider my comments as follows: I oppose the ban of feral hog hunting on MTNF. Let us take care of OUR LAND!

IT'S NOT YOURS!

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Forest Supervisor
ATTN: Feral Swine Comment
Mark Twain National Forest
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Dear Mark Twain National Forest Supervisor,

As a concerned Missouri citizen, avid outdoorsman and outdoor communicator, I wanted to convey my opinion on the USDA/Forest Service’s proposal to prohibit feral swine hunting on federal land within the Mark Twain National Forest of Missouri during the 60-day public comment period.

The issues caused by feral swine are numerous and not the least of these are the negative effects these invasive, destructive creatures have on Missouri’s natural environments, flora and fauna. I’ve seen the swathe they’ve cut through Missouri’s beautiful and natural wild places, and perhaps no sights have been more devastating or shocking to me than the upturned earth and uprooted plants I’ve seen in Mudlick Mountain Natural Area (Sam A. Baker State Park, southeast Missouri), the Irish Wilderness (Mark Twain National Forest Eleven Point Ranger District, south central Missouri Ozarks) and Caney Mountain Conservation Area (Missouri Department of Conservation area, south central Missouri Ozarks). It is evident that the scourge of these creatures is as widespread as it is scarring to the landscape, a landscape which Missourians of all political affiliations and walks of life do not take for granted. The eradication of this invasive species within our borders should be a priority for all outdoor organizations, industries and agencies.

I write to you merely to voice that I strongly support the proposal to ban feral swine hunting in Mark Twain. Not only does the attempt by individual citizens to hunt these animals compromise the costly and more coordinated, researched and effective efforts and methods used to remove them from our state’s woods and wilds, but I genuinely believe will cause more harm
over time than good. I do not think it is a far stretch to assume that if feral swine hunting is allowed to take place in Missouri that it would provoke a guided hunting industry, which in turn would create a niche economy charging people to hunt feral hogs and thereby make these areas dependent on keeping them around for a self-sustaining business. I don’t think it’s much farther a stretch of the imagination to assume this has already happened to some degree and that some private citizens are actually trapping or importing hogs from other locations for recreational hunting.

In closing, I’d like to reiterate that I believe feral hog hunting will only perpetuate the very grave problems we already face in our state due to their presence and population and strongly support the USDA/Forest Service proposal to prohibit hunting these animals in Mark Twain National Forest. Let those who are experts in dealing with this matter handle it, and please support their efforts with additional funding and resources so that Missouri can make some much-needed headway against this invasive species.

Regards,

 lifecycle permit partner, Missouri Department of Conservation
 life member, National Rifle Association
 life member, Ozark Chinquapin Foundation
MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST PROPOSED CLOSURE TO PUBLIC HOG HUNTING

To whom it may concern,

Please consider my comments:

I am a concerned citizen, hunter and land owner. I own a farm in Wayne county Missouri. I live two miles from Mark Twain NF, and hunt deer on the property in between. This past November 2018, I discovered hogs on the property I hunt for deer, half a mile from my farm. May 2019, the hogs have invaded my farm. Other land owners closer to MTNF have had hogs problems previously. An I witness has reported seeing 3 sows with 30 pigs at the end of my farm. These hogs are multiplying in the vastness of the MTNF and moving out to neighboring properties. The deer were in my pastor all winter consuming forage from my livestock because the hogs have eaten the acorns the deer normally feed on.

Missouri Department of Conservation has outlawed hog hunting on any state controlled property making a sanctuary for hogs. All land owners near any state controlled property in the Ozarks have an overwhelming hog problem. Some are even giving up farming because of the expense. The MDC clams to have a handle on the problem and that hunters interfere. Some land owners call MDC for help only to become frustrated with the many excuses and week attempts of trapping. These land owners then ask the hog hunters for help. These hunters kill more hogs than MDC reports and more importantly, they kill the big sows that are too smart to be caught in a trap. These hunters effectiveness is limited because the hogs flee to the state controlled property and the chase has to stop.

Please lesson to the land owners and look for ways to help them. They are the ones paying taxes and having a hard time trying to make a living at farming. MDC has no personal expense because of hogs. MDC’s interest is making money at the expense of the land owner. Even fining those trying to help the land owner if a hog runs on to state property. Please don’t side with MDC in closing MTNF.

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Please consider my comments as follows: I oppose the ban of feral hog hunting. I'm a rancher not a hunter. You cannot control populations on 1.5 million acres. Work with hunters and ranchers/farmers. Hunting & trapping combination!

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Please consider my comments as follows: **Oppose to the full ban of feral hunting on federal land. Work with citizen hunters, rancher & farmer; Hunt & trap = success. It's our LAND!**

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Subject: Missouri Department of Conservation’s efforts to prohibit feral hog hunting on government land (Mark Twain National Forest) in Missouri.

M.D.C. is showing just another example of government control over “We The People”. First of all, what is government land? Is it not our land, the taxpayers? The citizens who live here. Who made this decision to restrict landowners from hunting these wild hogs on government land? I would like a name or names of the mastermind of this idiotic decision. I along with other are sick and tired and fed up with a few in power making a decision that affects many. To my knowledge, no efforts were made by the MDC to try and reach a compromise that would be satisfactory to both MDC and the landowners on this issue. We were told this law is going into effect. Is this still America?

I am urging every landowner and those who support the landowners on this issue to contact our elected officials here in Missouri and make them all aware of this ridiculous law that MDC is trying to pass on the citizens of this state. I am also sending President Trump an email regarding this. There is still power in the vote in this country and come the next election, which is not so far off, I will vote accordingly as to the response received on this issue from those WE put in office to do our will, not MDCs!

Thank you,
I don't want to meet one of these swine on my farm, I'm afraid to go out. I am 88 years old and have always worked in the woods.

We have hogs on our farm and want them gone yesterday, causing damage to our fields and livestock.

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The only concern that we have is that if feral hog hunting gets banned, will environmental/animal rights groups get other types of hunting (deer, turkey, squirrel, pheasants) banned? This may open the door to get other types banned.

Also, I agree that there should be a fine in place, $5,000 even for a minor violation. These needs to be a very stiff penalty (felony) for anyone caught transporting or releasing them.

We are very supportive of the USDA efforts to trap and eradicate the feral hogs.
Don’t close off National Forest to taxpayer hunters.
There isn’t cell service in the middle of Mark Twain Forest for your technology.
Hunter go where you don’t.
It would be a mistake to follow the Missouri Dept of Conservation’s failures.
I have eaten feral hogs for 3 years and I have never had any disease except Diabetes.

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I feel it is important that USFS support the in progress statewide hog elimination program. We must give it a try since the previous efforts haven’t worked. This embodies the concept of “adaptive management,” a critical resource management tool. Once USFS adopts the statewide partnership, I fully expect future management changes as the data are gathered and lessons are learned. Ultimately, if USFS does not adopt the statewide strategy, USDA and USFS would essentially be pulling the rug out from under 20 years of effort working to eliminate this invasive species.

Finally, I believe hog hunting could be considered during the gun deer season. However, I am opposed to allowing hunting with dogs is clearly a problem and must be stopped.
Comment:

1. Hogs are smart. They know where they are safe on Gov. land.

2. They come out of Gov. land on our land, damaging up to thousands of dollars, and go back to a safe place.

3. The Gov. is supposed to be for the people.

4. Put a bounty on them. It has worked in the past.

5. Does work. You can take out a lot of hogs.

6. The Gov. does not have enough people or traps to get rid of the problem. Let us keep taking care of the problem.

7. Listen to us.

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The Missouri Conservation has tried to trap hogs for a long time with very little effect.
Mark Twain Forest is now more open and more land tilled. If the National Forest will put a bounty on the hogs to open the hunting of the hogs to the public there will be a lot more hogs controlled. The cost will be less other paying trappers. Any body with a hate a brain can see this.
Comment:

I am against stopping hog hunting in Mark Twain.

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Comment:

I am in full support of the closure of Hog hunting on Forest Service. Please stop the release and hunting of Feral Swine!
Comment:

I reject the desire to stop the hunting of hogs, like most of your rulings, it does not consider the will of the people. The hogs will multiply faster when only the govt. is trying to eliminate them. The only thing that will work is for everyone (public & govt) working together (killing hogs whenever the opportunity presents itself) Eliminating the public (which owns the land in the first place) is taken out of the equation it causes the public to further be discussed with the Dept of Conservation & the Forest Service. We need to work together instead of against one another! Another solution to getting rid of the hogs is to place a bounty (on the tail) of $25-$50 it would be cheaper than paying govt. employees salaries, pickups, traps, etc! I own over 450 acres in Shannon Co. I have lived here for 65 yrs, I know a little about the area, the hogs will become a bigger problem faster if the plan to stop the public from hunting hogs. I ask to reject the plan of Dept of Conservation and lets work together.

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Comment:

I believe we need to trap more and not close National Forest to hunting hogs. Maybe use National Guard to close parts of it for a month, then move to another area.
Do not proceed down the same road as the MO Department of Conservation (because of their pressure) in restricting the public's ability to help in the fight against feral hogs. You will only make a growing problem worse.
Comment: I would like for the USFS to continue a coordinated plan for the elimination of feral hogs partnering with the USDA but not the MDC. Trapping I do believe is effective and necessary but is not the end-all method. I do believe that incidental take should NOT be eliminated and I will remain steadfast in that belief. My incidental take is very limited in scope as I don't pursue hogs regularly, only while hunting deer. Understandably, hogs need to be eliminated but I would not support the USFS being strongly armed in this state by the MDC. Public support for hogs elimination will fall in line with agency goals but not if the term "hunting ban" is used.
Make it required to "telecheck" hogs that are killed by private citizens who hunt.
Mark Twain National Forest
Feral Hog Comment Form

Comment:

Their is no way a state agency like MO. Conservation Dept. can even make a dent in wild hog population. There are way too many acres, too rough terrain to get a trap too. If they want to see a decline in hog populations put a $25.00 bounty on them let the agents handle that part of the process. Then they will see the # of hogs decline at a much more rapid rate and public money will be used in a more efficient way with much better results!! The # of hogs that they claim to have killed 0 by # of $ spent is staggering! Use that same money to pay bountys and watch the population shrink!!

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Comment:

Hunt during Deer and Turkey season only.

No dogs allowed.
To: Forest Supervisor, Mark Twain National Forest.

I am in support of closing the hunting of feral hogs on the Mark Twain Nation Forest (Forest). What follows are my reasons.

➢ The Forest need to be in concert and support the State of Missouri’s efforts to eradicate Feral Hogs. The State is responsible for the management of wildlife for the State of Missouri. The State has determent that Feral Hogs are a threat to the state’s wildlife. In particular Deer and Turkey.

➢ The hunters of Missouri will need to make a choice, if they want to hunt Deer and Turkey or Feral Hogs. Feral hogs are not native wildlife. The states ecology can not support Feral hogs and Deer and Turkey. Feral Hogs will destroy native habitat and eat Turkey Eggs and Deer Fawns. The State has chosen to support Deer and Turkey.

➢ No one is addressing the question of “who will compensate private property owners for the damage caused by Feral Hogs”. Feral Hogs have already destroyed Hay Crops, Livestock Pasture and Gardens. This does not include the damage to the Forest.

➢ Lastly, we may find that the presents of Feral Hogs on the forest may be a safety issue for hikers, campers and hunters visiting the Forest.

Please place a closure on hunting Feral Hogs on the Forest and support the efforts of the State of Missouri.
We thought this was going to be a meeting to work together and solve the hog problem.

There is no wanting the land owners agreement.

It seems like a waste of time and waste of our tax dollars.
WE'VE HAD A TRAP ON OUR PROPERTY NEAR AUKER, MO FOR A MONTH OR SO. OUR HOG HUNTER (SPENCER LYNCH) HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING. HE COMES ALMOST DAILY TO CHECK & BAIT THE TRAP. WE RECENTLY CAUGHT 5 HOGS AND HOPE TO CATCH MANY MORE. OUTSTANDING WORK!
KEEP IT UP!
I am completely against closing federal property to hunting hogs with dogs in any other way. Traps have not worked in our area. There was a trap with hog tracks all around the trap and rotted corn in the trap but no tracks inside the trap. Not one hog was trapped in the 5-6 months the trap was set. We have had to hunt the hogs because they completely destroyed a hay field of ours. In 5 months we have killed 70 hogs.
Farming without a large increase in commitment of manpower and resources will be disastrous.

A landowner next to National Forest land suffering hog damage should not face charges for killing those hogs on his property if the adjoining Forest lands they came from, nor should a landowner engages to hunt them down:

I just want them all dead.

Trapping areas should be identified with signage and there should be increased penalties for anyone interfering with trapping in an identified area.

Tough issue I know.!
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Hog population is out of control - limiting the ability of U.S. citizens to kill this species safely and legally. Please reconsider.

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Please consider my comments as follows: Closing the national forest to hog hunting would do nothing but worsen the problem, this sport is a lively need to some, and hogs provide a lot of food to people that need it. Hog hunters are the most effective way to control feral hogs, and are the only thing standing in between them and an absolute outrage. Closing down the national forest would, in simple terms be absolutely foolish, Not to mention the loss of revenue. Hunter provide gas stations and local stores.

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Please consider my comments as follows: I believe closing the National Forest to hog hunting is not the right thing to do. This only creates a refuge/sanctuary for the hogs. We need to kill on sight. It is important to get these hog under control.

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Please consider my comments as follows:

The place boundary which will help us control.

Do not close archery hunting on the Forest. More likely to have animals attacking people in forest on farm. Then mesh sheeting.

Endanger peoples lives.

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Please consider my comments as follows: I believe the National Forest should not be closed to the public. This is our land and we are already restricted to much for the use of this program. I do not believe the MDC can eradicate the feral swine on their own. There is too much land for their cover. They have not done the job as of yet. We need great strides in that direction. We need the help of all the citizens of Missouri to eradicate or at least control the hog problem.

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Please consider my comments as follows: I hope that you decline the closure to Mark Twain National Forest. Since MDC ground has been closed to hunting hogs, the hog population has grown at a dramatic pace. I feel that you should allow killing hogs by any means necessary and create a market for the organic hog meat.

(No unwanted waste)

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Please consider my comments as follows: Decline the implement to close Mark Twain National Forest. Have an open season on hogs, even during deer season. A shot doesn’t report or sandbag shoot hogs any time with any mean necessary. Our farms are hurting because we cannot shoot hogs on MDC Grounds. It is Feral Coke is an organ meat create a market for it.

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To Whom it may Concern,

Please consider my comments as follows:

See attached letter

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Sincerely,

Comments MUST BE received between May 24 and July 23, 2019!

Comments via email:
SM.FS.MTFeralSwine@usda.gov

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ATTN: Feral Swine Comments
Mark Twain National Forest
401 Fairgrounds Rd  Rolla, MO  65401

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am a 83 year old widow of a WWII veteran. I and my late husband lived in rural Wayne County, Missouri for almost 50 years. Never bothered by feral hogs until about 2 years ago. They tore up my front yard twice in a short period of time. I had to hire someone both times to fix it and on fixed income that is not easy.

I am surrounded by no hunting land. Between the Missouri Conservation and Eagle Sky property (over 4000 acres) neither of which allow hog hunting. Now, I also have Mark Twain National Forest, all on my road. If you close that also to hunting, we are going to be overrun with feral hogs.

Wayne County is covered by 60% of state and federal land. Why cannot the two or more agencies cooperate to allow hunting by whatever means to get rid of these destructive, dangerous beasts?? If you put a bounty on them like you did coyotes years ago, there would be enough older, disabled and out of work people to wipe out this scourge.

And another thing, we have so many poor people who could use the food which these hogs represent. Why are we allowing the Missouri Conservation to trap, kill and PILE these hogs up to decay?? It is absolutely unexcuseable.

Please do not add to our misery by closing the National Forest to hunting these beasts.
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Please consider my comments as follows: I HAVE WITNESSSED THE MDC AND THEIR TRAPPING EFFORTS, IF HOGS ARE TO BE KEPT IN CHECK IT WILL TAKE EVERYONE'S EFFORT USING ALL METHODS ON ALL LANDS OF THE STATE OF MO. HOG HUNTERS AND LANDOWNERS KILL 10 TIMES AS MANY HOGS AS THE EDUCATED MDC. THEY DON'T HAVE A CLUB (MDC) I AM A COW/CAFE PRODUCER AND CANNOT AFFORD TO LISTEN TO THE FOOLS OF MDC.

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Please consider my comments as follows: Last summer I had a group of
feral hogs come into my yard (50 ft. from my back door). Called the con
struction, they came the same day, set camera, caught 14 the next day.

They are doing all they can but more needs to be done. Such as, putting
bounty on them and being allowed to hunt and kill them on Federal and
State lands. Farmers and land owners living near these lands are

suffering loss of thier livelihood. There must more done to

Sincerely, eradicate these vermin.

Thank you for taking time to read this,

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Address
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Please consider my comments as follows: "I believe that public hog hunting should be allowed. Hog populations have grown at an alarming rate. Hogs tear up property and are very destructive. The state's efforts are not effective in hog control. Without private hunting we'd be overrun with hogs."

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Name: Brad Parker
Address: 5275 Hwy 145
City: Doe Arc
State: Mo
Zip: 657

Comment:
We own and rent around 3000 Acres. We've had hogs on our property's for almost 20 years. We've trapped and hunted them at night and used dogs. We have more hogs now than ever. So if you think closing down more federal lands to 50 uneducated hog catchers in the rural southern half of Missouri and plan to contain and control hogs your sadly mistaken. It has to be a group effort. Like I said to have done this longer than most. Trapping catchers pig but you don't catch big hogs I know!! We use dogs and thermal optics to kill bigger dogs that won't enter traps. How much more tax dollars our state going to give them to not fix the problem.

Thanks

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Feral Hogs are at the tipping point in Missouri.
Many states that have tried to control these non-native species have experienced population explosions (i.e. Tennessee).
Other states like Louisiana are reporting more hogs than people in their state... Also a hunting state.
Missouri is blessed with 1000's acres of federal & state-owned land for its citizens to enjoy. The natural flora & fauna is becoming fragile in these areas because of the multiplying of feral hogs exponentially.
The balance of nature is at risk because of this invasive animal species. Other species competing for food supplies will be negatively impacted.
the enjoyment of hunting & viewing wildlife. A Missouri culture is possible with feral hogs.
The implications, or not so often thought of is the impact on agriculture, both in crops & grasslands. Food supplies in any year can change in the forest & in Agriculture areas. When food supplies dwindle in the forest, hogs will move to available food. Any animal will travel far to find food.

The #85 billion dollar Ag industry will be impacted if hunting continues on federal & state land. It's not a matter of if, but when.
Trappers need more resources so they can be more responsive to requests for help when it takes weeks/months to respond to a farmer, it's usually too late!

Shift priority in budget to a 3-year intensive effort in the Mark Twain.

Number traps/trappers significantly. Better to have 5 traps not being used than 20 trap requests not fulfilled.

# to do this is the challenge
I was curious and interested in the idea of trapping and hunting on federal land. They just wanted to talk about trapping. I feel there is room for everybody. The public game and hunting of any kind should not be stopped. The public should rule. That is why Trump won. People are tired of agency power and rule over public. Listen to the people (one time).
Feral Hog Comment Form

Mark Twain National Forest

Name:
Address:
Comment:

Feral Hog control is an important part of feral hog control, but it is not by itself going to control hog numbers. The Dept. of Conservation is pushing for using trapping only. In Wayne County, there is no trapping unless hare trapping is allowed on Corp of Engineers land. There is a fear of trapping only the hog population is higher than before. Corp of Engineers land is being badly damaged by hogs. The best plan for eliminating hogs at least somewhat under control is to coordinate efforts among trappers, landowners, and hunters.

The idea that someone could be fined $5,000.00 and do extensive jail time for killing a hog on public owned land is outlandish.

If this goes into law it will be a public relations nightmare for the Forest Service.

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Comment:
Why can't we use every resource available including hunters with dogs to try and control hogs. Clear cuts created by the national forest service are pig heaven and you will never get them out. Hunters are the most effective way to control them. And comparing us to Tennessee makes no sense, they don't have the terrain like Missouri so comparing them doesn't make sense. And you tell us Farm dogs cross onto public from private running ahoos we can't kill but we can go get our dogs, pulling dogs off a pissed off pig is the worst idea ever. It just doesn't work. Pigs also provide food for a lot of people and I don't believe they carry diseases. We ate enough of them and didn't get sick yet. If you have the resource use it. We don't spend them with our dogs we help control them. Even selling 'hags would be an almost unlimited revenue resource by making money and killing pigs. It's a win win situation. Banning hunting on Forest Service will make it worse.

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For those of us helping private land owners with this hog problem of helping with trap shy hogs this would be a bad deal. All methods should be used to fight this problem.
I do not agree or support the decision to ban hog hunting on the National Forest. I fully support trapping hogs, but trapping alone is not enough. If trapping alone is the best method, why are there still hogs on Sam A. Baker State Park where trapping has been taking place for nearly 15 yrs? I've heard hunting spreads the hogs, but my experience shows differently. Why would deer hunters not be allowed to shoot hogs during deer season? If the hunters are already in the woods, shooting at deer, wouldn't it be beneficial to kill some hogs before they reproduce waiting for someone to come trap them? I want the hogs gone, but trapping alone is not going to do it.
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Comment: Need more traps and men to work them.
The men are stretch to far from North to South farms.
They cant work the traps as they could if didn't have so many farms to take care of.

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It has come to my attention that the NF has agreed to comply with the MDC's no hunting ban. The MDC based their ideas on Tennessee program. According to my friends in Tennessee it is a failed system that degenerated into a useless permit program. One such friend in eastern Tennessee now has hogs on his farm for the first time. It seems to me that the large price tag that were paying for failure would be better spent on a bounty system that would incentivize mass hunting instead of weekend runs. Each pig is born with two ears, a good way to keep score.

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I think the swine hogs are getting to think in Missouri. I think they should let anybody shoot them anytime and not get in trouble for shooting them. They are tearing up too much land and should be killing them anytime they see one.
As a member, and representative tonight (6/20/15) of the Sierra Club East Missouri Group, I want to express strong support of USFS's effort to ban feral hog hunting on Mark Twain NF. USFS should be an active participant of the Missouri inter-agency task force to eliminate feral swine in Missouri.