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Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 5:43 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: MTNF closure order

I am writing in support of the proposed closure order. I was alarmed at the number of swine trapped on my upstream neighbor's land by MDC 2 years ago and his report of their destruction on his land. All recreational hunting and efforts to continue to support the presence of this species in our forest must end.



Christian County

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 6:15 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: In favor of banning hog hunting

I just wanted to communicate that I am in full support of banning hunting feral hogs, and continuing to use trapping.

Thank you

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Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 4:03 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Hog hunting

It is my opinion that allowing hog hunting in the state of Missouri should NOT be allowed. The hogs are very destructive to native Missouri plants and animals and should be eliminated to preserve our natural habitat. It has been proven that allowing hunting actually impedes controlling this destructive non-Native species. Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

Sent from my iPhone

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 8:10 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Support for prohibiting feral hogs

Hello Mark Twain NF!

I'm writing to support the National Forest being closed to feral hog hunting. Strong evidence indicates that trapping family groups is working. If we can work toward eradication using that strategy, then our pristine environments -- as well as the economically important forests -- will be healthier.

Thank you,

[Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 11:49 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Stop hunting hogs...

Please STOP hunting of feral swine so that eradication efforts can proceed successfully. Punish anyone caught releasing hogs for hunting in the future.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 3:25 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Hog Hunting

To Whom it May Concern:

I'm urging the Forest Service to prohibit feral hog hunting in Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri. Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has found over the years that hunting feral hogs is ineffective. Hunting feral hogs scatters the groups and makes them more wary. Also, allowing hunting may motivate some people to release pigs for the purpose of commercial hunting. Therefore, MDC has adopted the practice of trapping feral hogs and then eliminating the whole group. This method has proven to be more successful than open hunting. As an avid hunter and member of Conservation Federation of Missouri (DFM), I support MDC's practices. I urge the Forest Service to follow MDC's methods. They are the experts, so please use their knowledge and practices to get the best results. Open hunting will not bring about the desired result. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2019 4:22 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: MTNF and hog hunting

Call me a kiss up.

I have tremendous confidence in MDC.

I recently visited Iron and Howell Counties. There is certainly an air of anti government in the area.

I suggest following MDC's plan for say three years and see if the situation improves. Set up a call-in or mapping service for farmers to report sighting or damage.

I certainly don't think locals should be running around a public forest armed to hunt. My husband and I picked up an 18 pack of aluminum Bud Light emptys on the sand bar of Rocky Falls a couple of weeks ago. Rules don't seem important to the locals.

Best,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 6:22 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: feral hogs

Having seen the destruction caused by these animals while hiking in wilderness areas of other states, I support all efforts to control feral hogs within the borders of our own state. I am in favor of trapping these animals as a preferred method of control over the alternative of hunting. I have followed this matter for some time now. It appears very clear from all the assessments available that the option of trapping, together with banning hunting, is the most effective approach we have at our disposal. For the health of our land please promote this alternative for controlling this invasive pest.

[REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 6:46 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Support Hog Trapping Not Hunting

I support trapping rather than hunting as the best way to eradicate feral hogs in Mark Twain Forest. Trapping has been effective in neighboring states like Nebraska and Kansas. Tennessee's experience is very instructive: first banning hunting, then allowing it and seeing hog populations expand, then returning to a hunting ban and reductions through trapping.

The feral hog problem must be addressed. Trapping is more effective than hunting, which counter productively actually encourages the spread by dispersing packs. I support a hog hunting ban in favor of a trapping only program to eliminate these pests.

[REDACTED]
Columbia Missouri

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 9:41 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Close Mark Twain National Forest to Feral Hog hunting

Please close the Mark Twain National Forest to Feral hog hunting.

[Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 9:53 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Swine Eradication

"Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear or an idiot from any direction."
Author Unknown

Sirs:
I am a lifetime hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman from Missouri. As such, I have watched, with interest, our problem with the proliferation of wild feral hogs in Missouri as well as other jurisdictions.

In the strongest possible terms, I indorse trapping and destroying feral hogs within the confines of Mark Twain National Forest and a ban on hunting hogs within Mark Twain.
This problem is best solved by relying on the advice of the various professionals within the Missouri Department of Conservation and the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

I have personally seen the destruction left by feral hogs and believe we are headed toward a ecological disaster if we do not use the tools afforded us through experience and education.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 10:15 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Mark Twain National Forest

Please continue your efforts to prohibit hunting of feral swine on the Mark Twain National Forsest.

[REDACTED]

Springfield, MO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 11:38 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral hog hunting on mark Twain Forrest

I think feral hog hunting should be allowed on all public or private ground especially mark Twain Forrest. So many new rules that the MDC have come up with is crap. Lots of great meat going to waist and left to rot that a lot of people would love to have. They want hunters to tell them when the see hogs or sign of hogs, but ever hunter I talk to said they would never tell them any information about hogs cause of the attitude of the MDC

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 11:47 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Mark Twain Nat Forest/Feral Swine

Please do NOT open Mar Twain to jog hunting. I am not opposed to hunting -- I hunt. But with fetal hogs, let's stick with what works - trapping. The progress in Missouri has been noticeable and appreciated. We know what happens when hogs are hunted, so let's follow science rather than emotion.

Thanx
[Redacted]

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Frier, Kimberly - FS, Rolla, MO

[REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 12:44 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Hog Hunting

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to inform you of my opposition to allowing the hunting of feral hogs on public and private lands in Missouri. I live in Columbia, Mo, love to hunt deer, waterfowl, and upland game and own 143 acres of hunting land southwest of Marceline, Mo. I do not look forward to the day when there are feral hogs roaming this property. Therefore, we need to continue to put our resources into trapping and eradicating these pests.

Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 3:44 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Hogs

We are Against hog hunting on Mark Twain national Forest!!!!!!

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 4:01 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Hog hunting

I agree with MDC, Missouri should ban hog hunting and eliminate them in our state.

Sent from my iPhone

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 5:32 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Prohibiting public hunting of feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest

My wife and I support not allowing hunting of feral hogs ANYWHERE in Missouri, especially in the Mark Twain National Forest.

[REDACTED]

Springfield, MO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 5:49 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral hog hunting ban

I am opposed to this measure to ban hunting of feral hogs on public lands. I firmly believe the Howell County Commissioners' resolution is in the best interest of local land owners and citizens.

<https://www.news-leader.com/story/news/local/ozarks/2019/07/13/3-counties-so-far-oppose-ban-hog-hunting-mark-twain-forest/1714992001/>

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
West Plains m Missouri

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S® 4 mini™, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 5:56 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral hogs

Sir/ Mam

I am against hunting feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest. I am for the trapping of the hogs.

Thanks for your time.

[REDACTED]

Sent from Mail

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 8:34 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: Comments on proposed Forest Closure

I fully support the US Forest Service's proposed Forest Closure that would prevent the taking, pursuing or releasing of all feral swine on the forest and suggest that they move forward with it as it is written. Feral swine are an extremely destructive, invasive species that must be eliminated from the state of Missouri. Feral swine damage sensitive natural resources such as springs, streams and fens, their wallowing behavior causes soil erosion and contributes to reduced water quality, they eat the eggs of ground nesting birds, compete with native wildlife for food and other resources, they destroy agricultural fields, and they carry diseases that can be passed to livestock, humans, and pets.

There are a number of reasons why hunting is not an effective way to eliminate feral hogs. The main reason is that it provides an incentive for people intentionally release them to create future hunting opportunities. Another reason is that hunters only get one or two hogs from a group and the remainder are left to repopulate the area. Additionally, hunters are going to hunt in areas where the population of the species is high, when the population is reduced they are going to move to a new area where they have better opportunity of encountering that species. Feral swine have such a high reproductive rate that if even one boar and one sow are left in an area they will quickly repopulate the area and no progress is made towards elimination. Unregulated take of feral swine had been allowed for over 20 years prior to the Department of Conservation passing a regulation to ban the take of livestock on lands they own, lease, and manage and during that time the population increased dramatically, showing that hunting was not being effective at eliminating them. Other states have also seen that feral swine populations increased when hunting was allowed. Trapping gets entire sounders of hogs therefore eliminating the potential for them to repopulate an area. Trapping is the most effective method for eliminating feral swine.

The US Forest Service should move forward immediately with the proposed Forest Closure as it is written.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments,

[Redacted]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 11:16 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment

Hunters are a free resource to eradicate feral pigs. The proposed ban would not only make law abiding citizens criminals, it would take away the best scouts you'll ever find. We will have to live with this epidemic until a bounty is placed and more land is opened up to hunters. Make it an all out war on pigs like Texas learned, not a slow attack.

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] sent You a Personal Message
<automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 11:25 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: I support a ban on feral hog hunting in the Mark Twain National Forest

Dear Forest Supervisor,

I support a ban on feral hog hunting in the Mark Twain National Forest.

The elimination of feral hogs is an essential step in the conservation of our public lands and would ease the enormous financial burden this invasive species puts on Missouri farmers and other private landowners. Those involved in meeting this goal overwhelmingly support a ban on feral hog hunting. Enacting this ban in the Mark Twain National Forest is a very sensible action to take.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

This message was sent by KnowWho, as a service provider, on behalf of an individual associated with Sierra Club. Please contact [Redacted] for more information.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Sent You a Personal Message
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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] Sent You a Personal Message
<automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 14, 2019 11:26 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: I support a ban on feral hog hunting in the Mark Twain National Forest

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 6:36 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Support for Prohibition of Feral hog hunting

I am a Missouri resident that strongly supports prohibition of all feral hog hunting in Missouri. Please do not let ineffective feral hog hunting be allowed in Missouri. This will only encourage the spread of these invasive species.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted] Sent You a Personal Message
<automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 7:35 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: I support a ban on feral hog hunting in the Mark Twain National Forest

Dear Forest Supervisor,

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Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 7:41 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Mark Twain Closure

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To whom it may concern:

I am OPPOSED to Mark Twain Forest being closed to public hog hunting. Any and ALL methods should be used including dogs. The State & Feds should be working WITH the hunters to eradicate hogs. Not BANNING Hunters from public land!!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 8:00 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Mark Twain / Feral Hogs

I fully support the efforts by the Missouri Department of Conservation to prohibit feral hog hunting in the Mark Twain National Forest. Please agree to help Missouri eradicate the hogs using MDC's proven methods. Individual hog hunters seem to be more interested in short-term thrills rather than the control of the nasty feral hogs.

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**STEPHANIE LEBRON
IRON COUNTY CLERK**

Marsha Womble, Deputy Clerk • Carolyn Thomas, Voter Registration

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countyclerkiron@hotmail.com

07-09-2019

National Forest Service/Supervisor:

To the Forest Supervisor - good afternoon.

Please review the attached Resolutions from both the Iron County Commission and the Southeast Region of the County Commissioners Association of Missouri (CCAM, SE Region). There is great concern that the closure of Mark Twain Nation Forest to public hunting of Feral Hogs will lead to a skyrocketing of the feral swine population, which is already great in Southern Missouri, the the Mark Twain Nation Forest is closed to hunting. This will be providing a protected environment for the feral hogs to reproduce in an exponential fashion.

It is imperative that hunting and trapping privileges of feral hogs be maintained, and we urge the National Forest Service to consider citizens and landowners in Southern Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,


Stephanie Lebron
Iron County Clerk



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JIM SCAGGS
Presiding Commissioner
DWAYNE WARNCKE
Southern District Commissioner
JOSHUA A. CAMPBELL
Western District Commissioner

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Missouri County Commissioner RESOLUTION

***in OPPOSITION to US FOREST SERVICE CLOSURE of
MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST to PUBLIC HOG HUNTING***

WHEREAS, County Commissioners are tasked with the responsibility of serving the best interests of County Residents, and managing all aspects of county business not assigned by law to other elected officials.

WHEREAS, County Commissioners are elected by County Residents to serve as a liaison for the county between other local units of government, regional bodies, state and federal agencies.

WHEREAS, as a rule, Commissioners in rural Counties uniquely deal with private landowner, farm and ranch, hunting and trapping, wildlife, livestock and other similar agricultural interests and issues on a larger percentage per capita than urban Commissioners.

WHEREAS, the wild and/or feral hog population is currently most dense in Southern Missouri Counties, therefore proper management is imperative to keep them from moving to Northern Counties.

WHEREAS, Commissioners are in agreement that all avenues and resources, Public and Private, of wild and/or feral hog management must be utilized to keep the at-large population in check.

WHEREAS, Mark Twain National Forest represents over two million acres of Public property, which adjoins millions of acres of Private properties, and contains a large concentration of Missouri's wild hogs.

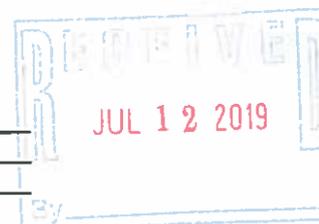
WHEREAS, we are in consensus that deliberately banning or inhibiting thousands of current law-abiding Public and Private Hog Hunters, Trappers, Landowners from participating in said game management on Public property, and by default, subsequent adjoining Private properties, will ultimately result in rampant over-population in current locations, and threatens to spread across the State.

WHEREAS, we believe that the closure of Mark Twain National Forest will also inadvertently create undue Federal criminal charges against Citizens who have participated in wild hog management on said Public property for generations, for the lawful purposes of recreation, conservation, and human consumption.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the under-signed Missouri County Commissioners hereby go on record in **OPPOSITION** of the proposal by the US Forest Service to ban Public Hog Hunting on Mark Twain National Forest.

Resolution Signatures

COUNTY Iron DATE June 27, 2019
Presiding Commissioner Jim Scagg
Associate Southern Dwayne Warncke
Associate West Joshua Campbell



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JUNE 2019 RESOLUTION

The SOUTHEAST REGION of the County Commissioners Association of Missouri has adopted the following resolution as a 2019 priority. This resolution was adopted at the June 2019 Southeast Region Commissioner's Business meeting.

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF US FOREST SERVICE CLOSURE OF MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST TO PUBLIC HOG HUNTING.

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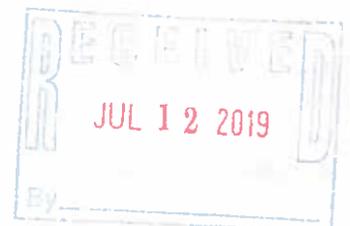
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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SOUTHEAST REGION of County Commissioners Association of Missouri does hereby go on record in OPPOSITION of the proposal by the US Forest Service to ban Public Hog Hunting on Mark Twain National Forest.



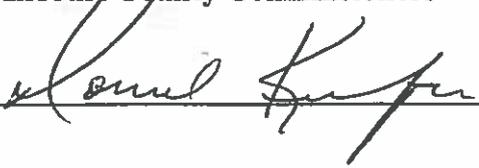
SOUTHEAST REGION of County Commissioners Association of Missouri
Opposition to Mark Twain Hog Hunting Ban Resolution Signatures

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Vince Lampe, President
Southeast Missouri County Commissioners

Signature: 

Donnie Kiefer, Vice President
Southeast Missouri County Commissioners

Signature: 

Garry Nelson, Sec/Treasure
Southeast Missouri County Commissioners

Signature: 



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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:06 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Hog hunting ban

I am writing in support of the Mark Twain's proposal to ban hog hunting on forest lands. Feral hogs are an invasive species that is doing extreme damage to Missouri lands. To conserve our natural resources, we need make hunting of these feral hogs illegal. Texas is overrun by these animals and would be a good place to hunt them. Please do what is best for the majority of Missourians who love and appreciate the parks, forests and streams of our state, as well as the farmers and their lands.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]
St. Louis, MO

Sent from my iPad

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 7:28 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Public hunting of feral swine

I believe in science and science shows that hunting feral hogs do not reduce their numbers. Instead it splits the pack, multiplying the feral hog population. I support the prohibition of hunting feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest.

[REDACTED]
Columbia mo

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:35 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: FW: WWW Mail: Feral hog hunting

-----Original Message-----

[REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2019 3:21 PM
To: FS-Mailroom R9 Mark Twain <SM.FS.MarkTwainNF@usda.gov>
Subject: WWW Mail: Feral hog hunting

As a resident of Missouri and a conservationist, I wanted to comment that I am in favor of discontinuing feral hog hunting on the Mark Twain National Forest. Allowing public hunting of these animals only makes it more difficult to capture them in quantity by trapping and provides an incentive for illegal stocking of this destructive animal. Please change your regulations to conform to those promoted by the other natural resource and agricultural management agencies in Missouri. Thank you for considering my input.

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 2:34 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: FW: WWW Mail: Hogs

-----Original Message-----

[Redacted]

Sent: Saturday, May 25, 2019 9:31 AM
To: FS-Mailroom R9 Mark Twain <SM.FS.MarkTwainNF@usda.gov>
Subject: WWW Mail: Hogs

I think it would be a big mistake to shut down the national forest to hog hunting. My farm lies in Wayne County and the forest service land joins my property on three sides. I first started having hog damage five years ago and the damage gets worse every year. The hogs hide out on the forest land during the day and come out during the evenings to tear up our land. I have two hog traps on my property that I keep baited at all times and I agree with the MODC that trapping is the best way to trap a large number of hogs at one time as I caught 47 hogs at one time. However in the past two years I have had a lot of trouble trying to catch them as some of the hogs have become trap wise and they will not go into the trap regardless of what type of bait you use. Last summer I had three groups of sows and pigs that were coming out of the forest a little before dusk and the only way I could catch them was to shoot the sows. I also had another group who came in during the fall and winter that I never saw and could never catch. I think that you need as many people shooting, trapping, hunting as you can get as they have too many places to hide and breed on the national forest. I also believe that you need to start a pilot program in Wayne, Carter and Reynolds Counties where you put a bounty on the hogs and pay \$25.00 for each sow, \$10.00 for each boar and \$2.50 for each feeder pig. I am currently spending about \$1500.00 per year in repairing hog damage and I spend about an hour a day baiting and checking on my traps. I raise cattle and it just makes you sick at your stomach to see the amount of damage that they do to your land. They are also destroying the turkeys, deer and other wildlife in the area as they are eating their acorns and other food. These feral hogs are a real problem and you will not solve it by restricting the killing of them. It will take everybody working together using multiple methods to control them. [Redacted]

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From: Reynolds County <Reynolds.County@sos.mo.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 12:49 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment; Gary.Romine@senate.mo.gov;
Matt_Bain@hawley.senate.gov; Madison_Baker@Blunt.senate.gov;
mike.moon@house.mo.gov; Hickman, Donna; Chris.Dinkins@house.mo.gov
Subject: Feral Hog Resolution
Attachments: SCAN0171.PDF
Importance: High

Pease find the attached information regarding the feral hog issue. Thank you.

Joe Loyd

Presiding Commissioner

Reynolds County

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FERAL HOG RESOLUTION FOR MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST 2019

The SOUTH CENTRAL REGION of the County Commissioners Association of Missouri has adopted the following resolution as a 2019 priority. This resolution was adopted by South Central Commissioner's Association July 2019.

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF US FOREST SERVICE CLOSURE OF MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST TO PUBLIC HOG HUNTING.

WHEREAS, County Commissioners are tasked with the responsibility of serving the best interests of County Residents, and managing all aspects of county business not assigned by law to other elected officials.

WHEREAS, County Commissioners are elected by County Residents to serve as a liaison for the county between other local units of government, regional bodies, state and federal agencies.

WHEREAS, as a rule, Commissioners in rural Counties uniquely deal with private landowner, farm and ranch, hunting and trapping, wildlife, livestock and other similar agricultural interests and issues on a larger percentage per capita than urban Commissioners.

WHEREAS, the wild and/or feral hog population is currently most dense in Southern Missouri Counties, therefore proper management is imperative to keep them from moving to Northern Counties.

WHEREAS, Commissioners are in agreement that all avenues and resources, Public and Private, of wild and/or feral hog management must be utilized to keep the at-large population in check.

WHEREAS, Mark Twain National Forest represents over two million acres of Public property, which adjoins millions of acres of Private properties, and contains a large concentration of Missouri's wild hogs.

WHEREAS, we are in consensus that deliberately banning or inhibiting thousands of current law-abiding Public and Private Hog Hunters, Trappers, Landowners from participating in said game management on Public property, and by default, subsequent adjoining Private properties, will ultimately result in rampant over-population in current locations, and threatens to spread across the State.

WHEREAS, we believe that the closure of Mark Twain National Forest will also inadvertently create undue Federal criminal charges against Citizens who have participated in wild hog management on said Public property for generations, for the lawful purposes of recreation, conservation, and human consumption.

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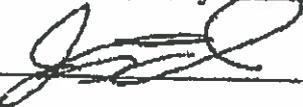
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **SOUTH CENTRAL REGION** of County Commissioners Association of Missouri does hereby go on record in **OPPOSITION** of the proposal by the US Forest Service to ban Public Hog Hunting on Mark Twain National Forest.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION of County Commissioners Association of Missouri
Opposition to Mark Twain Hog Hunting Ban Resolution Signatures

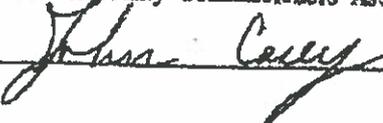
Mark Collins, President
South Central Missouri County Commissioners Association

Signature: 

Joe Loyd, Vice President
South Central Missouri County Commissioners Association

Signature: 

John Casey, Sec/Treasurer
South Central Missouri County Commissioners Association

Signature: 

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 10:38 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Please close Mark Twain Nation Forest to Feral Hog Hunting

Dear Supervisor,

* Feral hogs are non-native and not a wildlife species. They are wild-living hogs descended from domestic swine, and hybrids of domestic swine and Eurasian wild boar. Feral hogs can destroy agricultural crops, hay fields, and wildlife habitat while reducing water quality, contributing to soil erosion and the destruction of sensitive natural areas such as forests, glades, fens, and springs. They out-compete native wildlife for habitat and food. For example, places with many feral hogs experience a decline in wild turkey and deer populations. There are feral hog problems in 37 Missouri counties, most of which contain Mark Twain National Forest land, and which threaten the 1.5 million acres of your national forest land in Missouri.

* This proposal pertains only to closing hunting of feral hogs; hunting of game species in the Mark Twain remains the same and per state law.

* According to the Mark Twain National Forest, the rooting and foraging behavior of feral hogs causes nearly \$2.4 billion in damage and control costs nationwide to farmers, landowners, and to the local, state, and federal agencies charged with managing those

lands for the good of all. Farmers and landowners alone sustain nearly \$800 million in damages each year.

* Feral hogs can carry and transmit numerous bacterial and viral diseases to domesticated swine, livestock, pets, and humans.

* The U.S. Forest Service proposes to ban the take (hunting), pursuit, or release of feral hogs on Mark Twain National Forest land based on a request made by the Missouri Department of Conservation, and as part of the Missouri Feral Hog Partnership. In 2017, the Partnership developed and started implementing a statewide strategic plan for eliminating feral hogs, and they are already seeing success in some parts of the Missouri countryside through targeted trapping. However, when landowners try to control feral hogs through hunting, hog herds scatter, making trapping more difficult. Trapping with no hunting interference is the proven best method in Missouri and other states to eliminate feral hogs.

* The U.S. Forest Service supports the elimination of feral hogs as an essential step in the conservation of our public lands and to ease the enormous financial burden this invasive species puts on Missouri farmers and other private landowners.

* Feral hog eradication is supported by every credible outdoor organization in the state, government, or industry including the Missouri Department of Conservation and the USDA/APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service). Taxpayer-funded state and federal efforts have made great progress against feral hogs in Missouri, but finishing the job is a challenge.

I love our natural areas, and want to see this problem not become worse, but resolved.
Please support the trapping endeavors.

Thanks you!!

[REDACTED]
Kansas City, MO

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, July 15, 2019 8:40 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Closing Mark Twain National Forest to Feral Swine Hunting

I would like to register my support for ending the hunting of feral swine in Mark Twain National Forest. It appears clear that eradication of feral swine in the national forest will not come about by hunting, but a concerted trapping and killing program must be implemented as developed, proposed and utilized by the federal government.

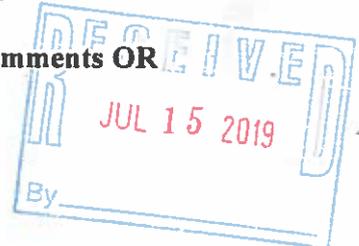
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To Whom it may Concern,

Please consider my comments as follows: I do not want the forest closed to clog hunts, Its a mistake

Sincerely,

Name

Address

Phone

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

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

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

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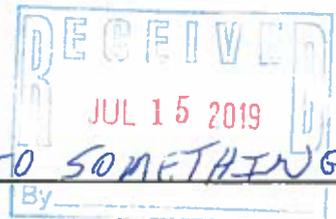
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To Whom it may Concern,

Please consider my comments as follows:



YOU NEED TO SOMETHING

THE HOGS ARE RUINING EVERYTHING IN THE WOODS
INCLUDING THE TURKEY HATCH SO KILL THE DAM
HOGS

Sincerely,

Name [REDACTED]
 Address [REDACTED]
 Phone [REDACTED] *MO*

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To Whom it may Concern,

Please consider my comments as follows:

I think the Trappers will never control the hog population, we need the hunters to control the population

Sincerely,

 Name Address Phone -35

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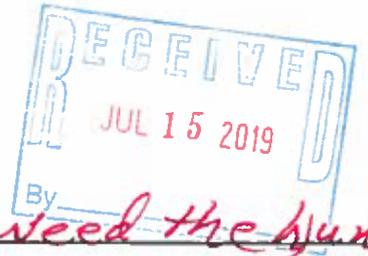
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To Whom it may Concern,

Please consider my comments as follows: *I believe we need the hunters
not Trappers*

Sincerely,



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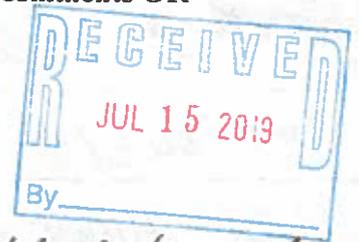
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To Whom it may Concern,

Please consider my comments as follows: The only thing that has been
Proven-Proposed Closure is we are going to turn over
an additional 1.5 million acres to the same failed
propaganda MDC. Has not eradicated Hogs on their prop.
and hunting of Hogs hasn't been allowed since 2016 not to
mention many other properties where hunting isn't allowed
IE. SAM A Baker - Peck Ranch - SAM A. is around 5000 acres
 Sincerely, DUEI.

[Redacted Name and Address Line]

Name

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and it's infested with Hogs & reason is the 7616
Terrain is so rugged and remote to even place a trap
Much like the M.T.N.F. without using all
Available methods This Tragedy will only
Get worse if left up to a handful of
Government employees drawing paychecks
~~because~~ because we have HOGS ILL ASK this
seriously who is drawing a check from HOGS
NOT Hunters! Yet we have been
made out to be the bad guys and the problem
THAT IS NOT TRUE! Hunters have killed
Thousands of Hogs in the last 15 years
not several hundred. Thus helping in the
control of Hogs until 70% of the population
at least is removed we haven't accomplished anything
The forest service estimate of 20 to 30 thousand
in M.T.N.F. still leaves at least 4000 short
of what it takes just to control the population
MDC-recorded less than 10000 for 2018 for the
entire state which is an inflated number
Eradication will never come before control.

Hunters are part of the solution not the problem
I'm sick of hearing hunting is a control method.
Hunting is an elimination method!! That's why we
have no Elk, Bears, Wolves, Mountain Lions. Hunted to extinction

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To Whom it may Concern, NO to Closure

Please consider my comments as follows: I feel that all ways of eradication should be implemented and the only way to work, is to work together public/private
If they too Relax even a few days Hogs get confrontable and do all kinds of damage. Keep them moving and tired and they will make mistakes with their doom insight. Hogs are cancer, I had colo cancer 17 yr ago and my Dr. fought aggressively and we
 Sincerely, wm.

[Redacted Name]

[Redacted Address]

[Redacted Phone]

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Annapolis, MO 63620
July 12, 2019

Forest Supervisor
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401 Fairgrounds Road
Rolla, MO 65401



Dear Sir/Madam:

As a property owner in Reynolds County, I would like to express my strong support for ending public hog hunting: strong efforts are needed to eliminate hogs by trapping and by organized shooting flyovers. The years of open hog hunting in Missouri have only led to a dramatic increase in the numbers of feral hogs to the detriment of private property, native wildlife and native flora.

My wife and I have experienced many of the problems of wild hogs: our spring and calcerous fen have been degraded, our pasture has been ripped apart, and our dogs have sustained injuries. In addition, we have come dangerously close to being shot—we live near MDC property and too many hog hunters think this gives them the right to pursue hogs wherever they are seen.

I know that several state politicians and Congressman Jason Smith oppose a ban on hog hunting but their opinion on this matter was not formed by surveying their constituents but rather by listening to a small but vocal group of avid hog hunters. Despite all the evidence showing that hog eradication cannot be achieved under conditions where the sport of hog hunting is actively promoted, our politicians are yielding to political pressure, not to a reasonable plan for eliminating hogs. The situation is already bad and it could worsen—these political nay-sayers are not dealing realistically with a genuine problem for all Missourians.

It is my sincere hope that the Forest Service will put a priority on protecting Missouri's forests and native wildlife by banning hog hunting and increasing hog eradication efforts.

Sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

CC: Jason Smith, US Congress

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To Whom it may Concern,

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down for Federal Hog Hunting, all methods should be
used, Traps, Dogs, Shooting, ETC

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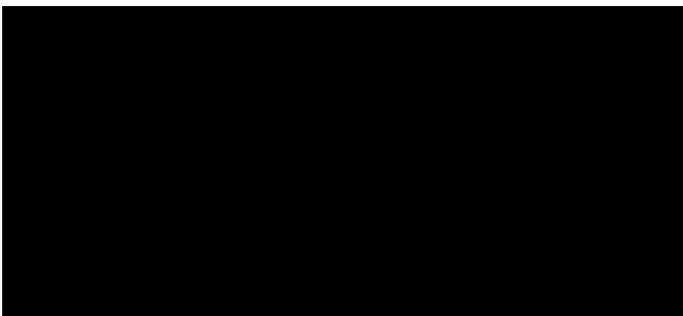
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 7:34 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Letter from Missouri Prairie Foundation re. Closure of Mark Twain to feral hog hunting
Attachments: MarkTwainFeralHogsMPFLetter.pdf

To whom it may concern,

Please see the attached letter.

Sincerely,



Missouri Prairie Foundation

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 8:42 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: feral swine control

As all of our natural resources are being severely challenged, it is imperative that we institute any control methods that we can to preserve what we have. The feral swine infestation in the Mark Twain Forest in MO threatens to permanently ruin the forest, the waterways and the opportunity for all of us to enjoy the outdoors. I would support the effort to completely eliminate the hog population by trapping and euthanizing them. In addition there must be enforcement of the prohibition of releasing hogs into the forest and hunting them in general.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 9:47 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral swine

Hello,

I support the ban on feral hog hunting. I am a resident of Missouri and am often in southeast Missouri, where I have seen firsthand their destructiveness. Allowing trappers to work is the best option.

Thanks,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 10:04 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: OPPOSE BAN ON LAWFUL HOG HUNTING IN MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST

Dear U.S. Forestry Service Service:

Dear Sirs & Madams,

For all of the already well thought out and put forth reasons below, I believe that wild hogs should be considered a natural resource, available to all, rather than the private piggy bank of the MDC.

I believe that all tools and resources, Public and Private, of wild hog management must be utilized to keep the at-large population in check, while maximizing the benefit of an abundant American pork and recreation income commodity. Public harvesting efforts represent millions of dollars to our State and National economy.

Mark Twain National Forest contains over a million acres of Public property and is home to a large concentration of Missouri's wild hogs. Deliberately banning or inhibiting thousands of law-abiding Public Hog Hunters, Trappers, and Landowners from participating in wild hog management on Mark Twain and other Public properties, and by default, adjoining Private properties, will not only inhibit the Public's civil rights to property access, but will ultimately result in rampant wild hog over-population.

The closure of Mark Twain National Forest by the US Forest Service will also create undue Federal criminal charges against Citizens who have participated in wild hog management on Public properties for generations, for the lawful purposes of recreation, conservation, and human consumption.

I also support proper game management procedures and practices, including harvesting the hogs captured rather than dispatching and wantonly wasting them on Public property. Thousands of families across Missouri and the Southeastern United States eat wild hog as a staple meat protein; blocking or inhibiting access to a valuable and abundant food source must be considered in this debate.

Please accept my EMAIL in OPPOSITION to the proposal by the US Forest Service to BAN Public Hog Hunting on Mark Twain National Forest.

Thank you for your consideration,

[REDACTED]
Thayer, MO

Sincerely,

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 10:35 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Ban feral hog hunting

Dear Forest Supervisor:

My wife and I strongly urge you to ban feral hog hunting on the Mark Twain National Forest. There are three reasons that such a ban is needed:

1. Feral hogs do a great deal of damage to land and natural resources not only on the National Forest but also on nearby private property. They must be eradicated.
2. Hunting does not eradicate feral hogs; it is well established that trapping is the appropriate and effective approach.
3. Hunting of feral hogs encourages illegal stocking of hogs and vandalism of hog traps.

Cathy and I own about 2,500 acres in southeastern Taney County. In addition, I am president of the Tumbling Creek Cave Foundation; the Foundation owns over 1,000 acres in southeastern Taney County. With these combined parcels our property lines border National Forest land or are separated by only one private landowner from National Forest land for 6.5 miles of property line. I want you to understand that we have grown tired of the Forest Service's bad neighbor policy of not prohibiting feral hog hunting on National Forest land and not aggressively working to eradicate hogs on National Forest lands. Your lack of good land management has created major problems for neighbors like us and resulted in significant damage to our property. Now is the time to address this problem, and a critical first step is to prohibit feral hog hunting on National Forest land.

An alternate approach would be for the Forest Service to fence all National Forest land that borders private property with hog-tight fence. This would keep your bad management on the land that you administer and not let the hogs you are unwilling to control harm your neighbors. Perhaps you should evaluate this as an option in an environmental assessment.

Thank you,

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