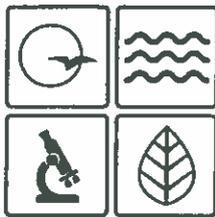


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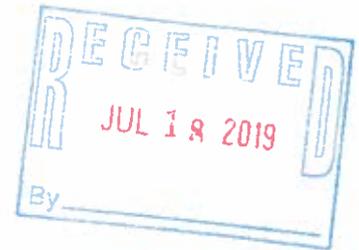
NATURAL RESOURCES

Michael L. Parson, Governor

Carol S. Comer, Director

July 16, 2019

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



To Whom it May Concern:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (the Department) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed Forest Order Closing the Mark Twain National Forest to Feral Swine Hunting. As an agency responsible for managing public lands bordering the Mark Twain National Forest and a partner in the protection of natural resources in Missouri, the Department has an interest in the efforts to manage feral hog populations. As stewards of public land, the Department believes the removal of feral hog populations will result in the protection of threatened and endangered species.

The mission of the Department's Division of State Parks includes protecting and preserving the finest examples of native Missouri landscapes. In the region of Mark Twain's Bell Mountain in Southeast Missouri, the Mark Twain National Forest borders an ecologically rich area of Johnson's Shut-ins state Park, which has been impacted by feral hogs for the past 30 years. Department staff have seen measurable disturbance to Mead's Milkweed and the Hine's Emerald dragonfly from the increased rooting of feral hogs. Further, visitors to state parks have also recognized the damage to natural resources as an important issue, as evidenced by comments citing feral hog damage "disturbing."

The Department has been an active partner in the Feral Hog Partnership (formerly the Governor's Feral Hog Task Force). These interagency groups have used a comprehensive control strategy to treat entire areas of the state, and develop targeted measures down to the watershed level. Among these efforts, trapping has proven to be most effective in managing feral hog populations in state parks. While effective, trapping sites can take weeks or months to establishing and are vulnerable to disruptions. A disrupted trapping site will usually need to be relocated, consuming additional time and resources.

The proximity of Mark Twain National Forest lands to many of Missouri's state parks has led to the cooperation among Department and Forest Service staff to jointly address natural resource issues, including feral hog trapping. The Department appreciates the efforts of all parties to address the threats of feral hog populations and the efforts to manage the feral hog population and maintain the effectiveness of trapping in Missouri State Parks.

Sincerely,

MISSOURI STATE PARKS

Ben Ellis
Division Director



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 11:22 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: OPPOSE BAN ON LAWFUL HOG HUNTING IN MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST

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From: [REDACTED]
<automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 12:33 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 Signature]



[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 2:50 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: feral hog hunting ban comment

Dear Forest Supervisor,

Please consider a ban on feral hog hunting in the Mark Twain National Forest. Such a ban should help to reduce the incidence of deliberate release of feral hogs onto our public lands. As you must be aware, feral hogs represent a clear threat to the health of our native ecosystems through their physically destructive behaviors and may well represent a threat to livestock and human health through the spread of disease. Also, please join with other State and Federal agencies in Missouri and encourage the use of trapping as a method of hog elimination rather than hunting. Trapping, though labor intensive, would seem to be one of the most cost-effective methods of removing feral hogs in numbers large enough to stay ahead of their breeding rate and give us what may be our only chance to remove the hogs from our landscape.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]



From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 3:12 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
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[Redacted Signature]



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 3:31 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral hog comment letter - Stream Teams United
Attachments: Feral hog comment letter_StreamTeamsUnited_July 18 2019.pdf

Please find attached our organization's letter supporting the proposal to ban the take, pursuit, and release of feral swine in Mark Twain National Forest.

Can you confirm receipt of this email?

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 3:56 PM
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,

Please take a minute to hear the truth . The MDC , the wildlife service ,USDA/ APHIS are simple huge government agencies that are not at all being honest with you .Their call to you to help ban hunting hogs in Mark Twain is purposely inaccurate to build financing / funding for their agencies .Feral hogs are nothing but free range pork , much healthier than commercially produced pork .The simple answer to the feral hog problem IN ALL STATES is thisbuild legislation making the sale / marketing of privately killed free range pork easily marketable locally statewide and nationwide across the nation .Its soooooo simple local USDA inspected mom and pop butcher shops will spring up everywhere hog populations are rampantTHEN instead of buying into the USDA / Missouri Department of

Conservation bs .Allow the public to hunt and trap feral hogs on ALL public land (state AND federal. There is no need to keep pouring millions of tax dollars annually to USDA/ APHIS or state conservation departments of any state .PLEASE use my simple solution at NO COST TO TAXPAYERS !

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 4:58 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 5:27 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Hogs

I just wanted to give my opinion on feral hog hunting in Missouri. I have property in southern Missouri where hogs are abundant. I have had neighbors report to the conservation and nothing was caught. I have seen hunters go into the woods and only take what they need like their groceries. I personally think if you put a bounty on them like we used to do was coyotes. We would take care of them. If you put a dollar amount on them. Every Hunter with a rifle will be in the woods eliminating them. That is my opinion on how to fix the hog population in Missouri. Thanks for your time.
Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 7:31 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Proposed ban on feral hog hunting in Mark Twain National Forest

Dear Forest Service:

I support the prohibition of public hunting of feral hogs on the Mark Twain National Forest. When feral hogs are hunted, they scatter and are harder to trap. Trapping the entirety of a group of hogs and killing them keeps them from reproducing. As a landowner, I do not want feral hogs on my land with the attendant disease and destruction they bring. Therefore, I support methods, such as trapping, to decrease the numbers of feral hogs that truly work.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2019 11:16 PM
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Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 9:44 AM
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 10:04 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral hog hunting ban

I would like to add my voice to the feral hog issue on public lands, specifically the Mark Twain National Forest managed by the USFS. I oppose allowing hunting hogs on these lands. I believe the science based feral hog trapping program is a far more effective way of reducing or eliminating feral hogs. Allowing hunting allegedly increases the number of hogs (I believe MDC when they point this out) and once hunters get used to hunting hogs the public will want to keep this opportunity as a new sporting season ensuring that this nuisance is here to stay.

In summary, make shooting hogs on public lands illegal and trap the hell out of them.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my LG Stylo4+, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 10:48 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Trapping Hogs

I am AGAINST closing Mark Twain National Forest for hunting feral pigs. Trapping has not proven to be the only way to eliminate feral pigs, but a combination of hunting and trapping is the best solution. The Forest Service and MDC has set themselves as THE only answer to the feral pig problem and most landowners and hunters disagree. They see this as setting up the government agencies to have their own hog hunting club at the expense of the taxpayer. Many see the practice of trapping and killing the pigs and letting them rot as wanton waste of game. Efforts must include everyone including Missouri hunters and many would like to see a bounty system. I am also against MDC closing their managed land to hog hunting, its not right and unfair to Missouri hunters. The LAD Foundation should NOT have ANY sway to this decision. Many Missouri sportsman believe the LAD is an enemy, because of their practice of acquiring land and then closing it off to use and believe they have an unfair voice in this matter because they hold so much land and they have an unfair influence on conservation decisions.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]
Landowner in CrawfordCounty

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 11:08 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 12:14 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Swine Comment, Mark Twain Natl. Forest

July 19, 2019

Forest Supervisor
Attn: Feral Swine Comment
Mark Twain National Forest
401 Fairgrounds Road
Rolla, Missouri 65401

Re: Feral Swine Control in Mark Twain National Forest

Dear Natural Resource Managers,

The State of Missouri and the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) are known across the nation for science-based management of our natural resources. Decades of this work brings numerous benefits to the entire state and region with healthy resources and abundant opportunity for many to enjoy. The revenue from hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation continue to fund these successful programs.

Platte Land Trust supports the Forest Service and MDC proposal to ban hunting of feral hogs within the Mark Twain National Forest boundaries. The trapping and elimination of feral hogs has proven successful on state lands. This should be carried onto our national forest lands.

Why should trapping of feral hogs be the management method of choice? Money.

- Trapping and elimination is more cost effective for the number of animals removed.
- Hunting for wildlife species such as deer and turkey is protected.
- Water quality and fisheries are protected.
- Revenue from hunting and fishing in south central Missouri is vital to the economy of Missouri and local communities.
- Revenue from outdoor recreation - the local economy depends on it.

We encourage the Forest Service to close Mark Twain National Forest to hunting of feral hogs. Use our federal tax dollars wisely. Use the best management method (trapping) to control this invasive and destruction species - domestic swine gone wild and run amuck. Protect our natural resources and local economies.

Please do what is best for Missouri - trap feral hogs and protect our valuable natural resources in the Ozark region of Missouri.

Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] Sent You a Personal Message
<automail@knowwho.com>
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 12:14 PM
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DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS



Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office

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1929 E. 6th Street
Duluth, MN 55812

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July 5, 2019

Sherri Schwenke, Forest Supervisor
Mark Twain National Forest
401 Fairgrounds Road
Rolla, MO 65401
sherri.schwenke@usda.gov

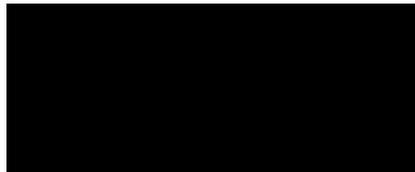
Dear Ms. Schwenke:

The Delaware Tribe of Indians concurs with the need for a comprehensive policy to remove any and all harmful invasive species, including feral hogs. However, we have a few questions concerning the proposed Subpart B Forest Supervisor's Order:

1. Please explain more fully how the prohibition on the *taking* (hunting) of feral hogs will promote the elimination of the animals from the ecosystem.
2. Have you conferred with tribal communities or tribal members residing in Missouri to determine if feral hogs have become a subsistence resource for that community?
3. Since this problem requires a long-term solution and Subpart B prohibitions are intended to be of short duration, was a Subpart C prohibition considered?
4. Since this problem exists in 35 states and involves other national forests, was a multi-forest (Regional Forester) Subpart B or Subpart C prohibition considered?

In summary, the Delaware Tribe supports the Mark Twain National Forest, the Missouri Department of Conservation, and the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in your efforts to promote healthy ecosystems and environmental restoration through the removal of feral hogs.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to comment.



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 1:19 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: ATTN: Feral Swine Comment

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 1:41 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Support Ban on Feral Swine Hunting

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Best,
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 1:42 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Mark Twain national Forest

To whom it may concern,

Please protect our national forest by eradicating feral hogs from the environment.

[REDACTED]

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 1:54 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Pigs

Having owned a cabin south of Ozark, MO for many years surrounded by Mark Twain National Forest, I can personally tell you about the damage to not only the land but how feral pigs affect our other wildlife and take away from the beauty of the Ozarks outdoors.

We do not want them or need them in Missouri or anywhere else and anything and everything should be done to eradicate them and punish those who purposely transplant them so people can pay them to hunt them.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 2:10 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral hogs

PLEASE do everything you can to eliminate this scourge from Missouri before it becomes uncontrollable. The Missouri's Conservation and Agriculture departments need the help of every land-holding government agency to get the job done. The ecological, economic and social implications are frightening.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 2:35 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Swine

Please ban hunting or shooting of feral swine in the national forests and other federal property. Hunting and shooting of hogs only scatters them and promotes their expansion in range and numbers. Trapping by professionals in a coordinated and managed program is a proven method for more effective control and eradication of these pests

Thank you for your help with this growing problem.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 2:36 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral hog hunting

Yes, Mo. Feral hog population explosion will erode our ground, plow Native plants to near extinction. Hogs excavate. Protect our environment from this rampant situation. Control is required. Hunting is a control mechanism.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 2:41 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral hogs

The eradication of the feral hog populations in the Forest Service grounds should be a top priority. The safe guard of native species and habitat should take precedence over the misguided wishes of a few individuals.

Please consider taking a positive action on this problem.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 2:40 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Feral Swine Comment
Attachments: LAD and Pioneer Forest Comment on MTNF Feral Hog Proposal 07.19.2019.pdf

Please see the attached.

[REDACTED] [NF Feral Hog Proposal 07.19.2019.pdf](#)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 2:43 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Hog irradiation

To whom it may concern:

Please add my voice to those wishing to close our national forests to hog hunting. It appears the best way to irradiate this menace to our natural wildlife is to trap them in groups without scattering them.

[REDACTED]
St. James, Mo.

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 2:46 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: OPPOSE BAN ON LAWFUL HOG HUNTING IN MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST

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

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 2:48 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: ban hunting

it is very important to ban feral hog hunting so that large groups of hogs can be effectively trapped instead of just one here and there.

if hunting is banned there should be less releasing of more hogs by those who profit from the hunt

please give your whole support to those groups who are trying to trap the hogs.

this is a terrible problem. i have been to areas with large destruction.

[REDACTED]

the armadillos have started migrating across the river to illinois.
we definitely do not need the feral hogs!!!

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 2:52 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



Mark Twain National Forest
Proposed Closure to Public Hog Hunting

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PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

The Forest Service will consider public comments to determine:

1. If the proposal should be implemented as presented OR
2. Implemented with modifications suggested by public comments OR
3. If the forest will decline to implement a closure

To Whom it may Concern,

Please consider my comments as follows:

I dont hunt hogs, but I like to deer hunt and my family likes to turkey hunt, so we dont need the black buzzards hanging around to kill new born animals - we need local people to make rules and not so much government.

Sincerely,

Name

Address

Doniphan Mo

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

**TWO Open Houses for
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

6pm - 8pm Tuesday, June 18, 2019

Signature Event Center

1701 Martin Springs Drive Rolla, MO

OR

6pm - 8pm Thursday, June 20, 2019

Black River Electric Cooperative

2600 US-67 Fredericktown, MO



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Mark Twain National Forest
Feral Hog Comment Form

Name: [Redacted]

E-Mail Address: _____

Address: [Redacted]

City: [Redacted]

State: Mo Zip: [Redacted]

Comment: What MDC tells you about "their"
feral hog program & whats REALLY
going on out in the ~~area~~ ^{rural} ~~country~~ ^{areas} is
two different things.

You need trapping, & all hunting
practices, especially the dog hunters to
help combat the feral hog problem.

All state and Federal forest land
should be open for the hunting &
taking of feral hogs.

Why would you stop the hunter's from
killing hogs on MTNF ground when
they are killing many more hogs than
MDC is paying for the trapping
efforts.

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Rolla, MO 65401

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Mark Twain National Forest
Feral Hog Comment Form

Name: [redacted] E-Mail Address: _____

Address: [redacted] City: [redacted] State: Mo Zip: [redacted]

Comment:
I'm a land owner, and I believe it is in everyone's best interest to get control of these hogs. And so far the MDC way of doing isn't working, it is time to let the public use dogs to hunt the hogs and kill them. As a tax payer we should be able to hunt them on state property with dogs. If you limit the hunter to private land only or what borders state and federal land then the state and federal should be responsible for what the hogs do to the private land owners property. It doesn't take much common sense to see that what MDC is doing to get rid of the ~~problem~~ problem is not working.

[redacted signature area]

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Mark Twain National Forest
Feral Hog Comment Form

Name: [Redacted]

E-Mail Address: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted]

City: Ellington

State: MO, Zip: [Redacted]

Comment:

I am 51 years old, I have hunted in Reynolds Co. my whole life, all kinds hunting. The hogs I think are the most destructive animal to be in the woods & can never be controlled without the aid of dogs & hunters & unlanded areas to do so, I know of at least 6 hound hunters that have caught & killed over 150 hogs or more in less than 1 year they are know way they can trap this many, & AS A TAX PAYER the State ground should be open to every tax payer for hunting & fishing of any kind.

[Redacted Signature]

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Feral Hog Comment Form

Name: [redacted] E-Mail Address: _____

Address: [redacted] City: Ellington State: MO Zip: [redacted]

Comment: I'm a landowner (553 acres) & a hog hunter.
All methods to control these hogs are needed,
especially with dogs in these rugged areas.
It's going to take all to keep these
hogs in check. Not just MDC telling the
tax payers what not to do - and what
MDC is going to do!!
We killed 72 hogs last year using dogs.
Look - common sense - if you don't let the
public be in the process - shoot, kill, hunt
with dogs, your going backwards.
It's going to take "all."
That's why we get phone calls from land
owners wanting us to come there with our dogs &
help them with their hog problem. They see
failure with MDC's approach.
Open up hog hunting on All public land,
Hunting hogs as well as trapping is needed.

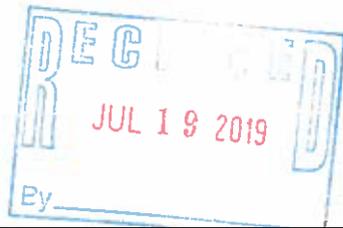
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Mark Twain National Forest
Feral Hog Comment Form



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Name: [REDACTED]

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Ellington.

State: MO Zip: [REDACTED]

Comment:

I hear this branch of govt. is considering not permitting hunting Feral Hogs on there controlled property, (as do the MDC)... this is a huge mistake.. There is no way to set up traps as often as these hogs move.. There are hogs on ground that MDC or there contractors have never seen. They can't contain the numbers of hogs, the numbers have grown dramatically since they shut off public hunting. The only way to keep the hogs at the stage there at now and lower the numbers in the future is for everyone to contribute to killing them, no matter what form it is. Look at Texas and other states, it won't work. Hunting is a strong tradition around here and Feral hogs isn't nothing but trouble for landowners and other hunters.. Turkey and numerous other animals are suffering in numbers as we speak. these hogs need hunted & killed in any form possible so we might be able to keep our ground and other animals!!!

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Feral Hog Comment Form

Name: [REDACTED] E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] City: Ellington State: MO Zip: [REDACTED]

Comment: When the MDC and land owners work together can have a positive effect, there fore declining hunting rights on the U.S. Forest is not the correct answer. The MDC can inform hunters when traps have been set, however hunters can use dogs to catch the remaining hogs.

It does not make a modicum of sense to downright ban hunting of hogs. The tax payers have killed a vast amount more than the MDC. There fore a \$50 bounty fore each hog instead of the MDC spending \$1,650 for one hog. Not only the hog population is being controlled and also \$1,600 is being saved in the process. Not only the population would be stable but the financial situation is controlled.

We understand running dogs can spread them. But on the contrary most are killed any ways. Most hogs rest and fear up land at night when hunting is dormant. In conclusion we implore you to agree to allow hunting

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Mark Twain National Forest
Feral Hog Comment Form



Name: [REDACTED]

E-Mail Address: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Ellington

State: MO [REDACTED]

Comment:

I am very concerned about the "Hog" problem that we have in our County and I believe that the State and Federal government should want the "Public's" help with this problem, instead of fighting against what we are doing to help control it, Using the use of dogs is the only way to control the situation.

I have seen people's yards and fields torn all to pieces from the hogs, and some elderly people aren't capable of fixing the destruction the wild hogs are causing.

So I believe if we buy our hunting licenses, the we should be able to hunt them.

The hogs are mean & destructive and they need wiped out. I knew a lot of people that has killed over 100 last winter. So please, lets all work together to get control of this problem.

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Mark Twain National Forest
Feral Hog Comment Form

Name: [REDACTED] E-Mail Address: _____

Address: [REDACTED] City: Ellington State: MO Zip: [REDACTED]

Comment: Working together MDC and landowners can have a positive effect, shutting off hunting on U.S. Forest Service is not the answer. If the MDC / U.S. Forest Service let people know when they drop there traps. Land owners would bring there dogs and catch the rest.

- Don't understand why we would shut off hunting ~~to~~ tax payers on tax payers land when they kill way more hog than MDC.

- Seems to me a \$50 dollar bounty would be better for tax payers then MDC spending \$1,650 dollars per hog.

- MDC says running them with dogs spreads them sure it does some, but they get most of them. Not allowing hunting on U.S. Forest Serv land allows they to lay around and breed get up at night go to land owners fields tear them up and go back to there hide.

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Feral Hog Comment Form



Name: [redacted] E-Mail Address: _____
Address: [redacted] City: [redacted] State: MO Zip: [redacted]

Comment: I'm a concerned landowner and avid hunter. Hunting goes back over ~~5~~ 100 yrs in my family. So I'm asking you all to listen and do the right thing. My fear is that if all our hunting rights & hunting traps are taken from us on public land, then what will be next.

We went to 2 public meetings in June & ~~shared~~ ^{voiced} my thoughts on the way of eradicating the hog problem. Like I said and say again, it's going to take all ways of getting rid of Missouri's hog problem. Why not all of us have a say in how it is done.

The hunters in our groups killed an enormous amount of hogs last winter. We were ask in the 1st meeting that I attended in Patterson, Mo. to raise our hands if you kill this amount or this amount. They were shocked when it was all tallied up. Then said to the group of over 100 quest ^c ~~o~~ . Why would they want you to stop hunting them on public land. That's what everyone is asking why would they want us to stop helping to

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Name: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Comment:

get rid of the hog problem.

The way the landowners and some of the public see's
this is they want to continue recieving all the large
donation from Private & Government hand outs.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 2:58 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: OPPOSE BAN ON LAWFUL HOG HUNTING IN MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST

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Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 2:59 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Hog problem

I am in favor of getting rid of the Feral hogs in Missouri. The destruction they have created along with the continued damage caused to our wood lands and native habitat along with our Missouri native wildlife has got to stop. Please put an end to the invasive beast.

[Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 2:59 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Yes, ban feral hog hunting in Mark Twain Nat Forest

It is critical that feral hog hunting is banned in Mark Twain National Forest so that trapping efforts can be effective. The science and experience are clear.

Thank You.

[Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 3:04 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Comments on feral swine hunting prohibition

Hello,

I want to express my full support for the Feral Swine Hunting Prohibition currently proposed for Mark Twain National Forest. As someone who frequently visits the national forest and other surrounding public lands, I have seen plenty of feral swine destruction over the years, and understand how significant that destruction can be. And as an owner of property within a few miles of national forest lands, I obviously have no desire to see "released-to-hunt" swine taking a foothold in and around the sections of national forest near that property as well. Please help in putting an end to swine hunting culture in Missouri before we end up as bad as states like Texas.

It simply makes no sense to allow an insignificant number of forest users to co-opt our otherwise healthy, productive public forests and adjacent private lands for their own unacceptably narrow-minded use.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 3:20 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Hogs

Please trap the feral hogs and do-not allow hunting [Redacted] Springfield MO

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 3:29 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral hog hunting ban

I support the proposed feral hog hunting ban in Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri. It appears hunting as a means of eradication has been ineffective, and also interferes with the trapping of entire sounders. I agree feral hogs are becoming a destructive nuisance, but do not believe hunting them is the answer.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 3:40 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Cc: tinsley@boycomonline.com
Subject: ferrel pigs

As of owner of 180 acres in northwest Butler county, a designated ferrel pig infested area, I support the proposed ban on pig hunting in the Mark Twain National forest, so professional eradication can take place. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 3:56 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Ban hunting of feral hogs to protect our lands

As a private landowner and also President of a public nature garden in Missouri, I support the proposal to ban hunting of feral hogs on the Mark Twain National Forest. Keeping our lands healthy is essential. Doing everything we can to eradicate feral hogs and discourage their spread is critical. Now is the time to protect our lands.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Sharing the Magic of Nature

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 4:28 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Hogs

I am a hunter of ducks and deer. I have seen first hand the damage that feral hogs do to land and agriculture. It is sad to me that a small few want to protect feral hogs for their own hunting satisfaction at the peril of our land and other wild life.

I support the efforts of the Missouri Department of Conservation and their rules to prevent the hunting of feral hogs in order to support the USDA efforts to eradicate the feral hogs.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 4:30 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: feral hogs

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

Please support the conservation of Mark Twain Forest by supporting a ban on the hunting of feral hogs there. This Missouri treasure is worth it!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 4:33 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: feral hogs and the mark twain nat. forest

I support the Mark Twain forest proposal to ban feral hog hunting. The hogs are non-native and destructive to Missouri's natural landscapes and biodiversity.

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[Redacted]

Jefferson City MO [Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 6:30 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral hogs

To whom it may concern. I am a resident of the state and reside in the southeast part of the state. A little town named [REDACTED] I'm also an avid outdoorsman. While I normally support MDC I whole heartedly oppose this proposal to close Mark Twain forest to the take of feral hogs. I have witnessed mdc's failed attempts at trapping the last two years. I have watched from my perch during the past two bowseasons as the hogs they claimed to have eradicated have grown in number. To their credit I see evidence of their attempts and definitely believe they take some out of the herd. This pipe dream they are selling that they will trap them out will only exasperate the problem. I see where and how they trap. In food plots and easy access areas. The problem is swine are intelligent they have and will continue to become trap wise. Mdc will never trap them out of the heavy timber and thickets....Never. The part that worries me is I believe this is already a done deal, the cash cow has been found. The big question is how far out of hand are you willing to let it get before you backtrack.... The experts tell us 75% of the herd must be killed just to keep it in check... this has not and will not happen with mdc trapping only plan. I live beside Mingo national wildlife refuge and it should be a shining beacon of trapping can't eradicate feral hogs. Duck creek bowhunting last year I saw probably no less than twenty every time I stepped foot in there. Two years ago before the ban I saw only a few each season... so to whoever reads this know that this road mdc is taking you down will only lead to peril and the state will suffer, the southern counties. If in fact this has already been decided to go along with mdc at least have a contingency plan to withdraw once it fails, and it will.

Thank you,
Concerned citizen
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 6:46 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support FOR BAN of Feral Hog Hunting in the Mark Twain National Forest

On behalf of the 3,000-plus members of the St. Louis Audubon Society and our volunteer board of directors, I am writing to express support FOR the BAN of feral swine hunting on public lands in the Mark Twain National Forest.

We applaud the Forest Service's work so far on this issue and most importantly their collaboration with other agencies, non-profits and interested groups at working on the elimination of this invasive animal from the Missouri landscape. Most importantly, we are hopeful that the state-wide collaborative already having success at reducing hog numbers on state public lands when coupled with a Forest Service hunting prohibition in the Mark Twain will be seen by other states as a model to follow.

Our public natural resources are for all to benefit from and enjoy. Unfortunately, the hunting of feral hogs benefits only a few hunters, guides and their supporters at the expense of the natural resource itself, and the public at large.

Should you have any questions about our position on this matter, please reply to this e-mail or call the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

St. Louis, MO [REDACTED]

(314) [REDACTED]

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The economy is a wholly owned subsidiary of the environment, not the reverse!

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 7:11 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Hogs

Hunting only makes the hogs wary and difficult to trap. Experts agree it is making a serious problem worse. Please implement a hunting ban!

Sent from [REDACTED] iPhone
Home [REDACTED]
Cell [REDACTED]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 7:12 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Hunting

No feral hog hunting in Mark Twain

[Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 7:20 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Hog problem

Sent from my iPhone
To whom it may concern

I would like to say we all want them gone or to not reach are land. But for them to be eradicated we will need to work together. Because a trap isn't going to find and hunt the last two or three hogs that couldn't be trapped. Those hogs that won't go in the trap will keep reproducing. They can't honestly put up enough trap and catch enough hogs the maintain the heard. Also the places the hogs live around me would be almost impossible to get traps into. And if anyone has ever been on the country they would know. The hogs don't scatter from hunting they go back after being hunted. They naturally roam and migrate like any animal.

Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 7:21 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Profit public hunting of feral hogs

I support prohibiting public hunting of feral hogs on the Mark Twain National Forest.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 7:30 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral hogs

I am voicing my support for the proposal by the U.S. Forest Service to prohibit the hunting of feral hogs on Mark Twain National Forest lands. Please ban hunting so effective measures can be taken to eradicate these invasive animals.
Sent from my iPhone

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 7:49 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: feral hogs-yes, eradicate them, they do not belong in our public land! andy

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 7:51 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Swine Comment

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to voice my support of the Mark Twain's ban on hunting feral swine. Feral hogs destroy property and ecosystems, destroy habitat and carry diseases.

We have property in Shell Knob, MO that is surrounded by Mark Twain property.

Please ban hog hunting in Missouri so our precious resources can be preserved for future generations.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Braidwood, IL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 8:09 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Prohibit feral hog hunting

Please protect our MO forests and prohibit the hunting of feral hogs.

Kindly,
[REDACTED]
University City, Mo

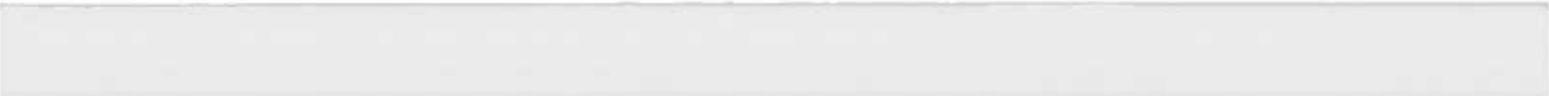
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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 8:08 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Please ban hog hunting

Please ban the hunting of feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest. The research shows that trapping is the best way to eliminate the feral hogs.

[Redacted]

Berger, MO [Redacted]



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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 8:02 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: FERAL HOGS

Please DO NOT allow hunting of feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest. Hunting is NOT an effective way to control this very invasive and destructive animal.

The Missouri Department of Conservation program of bait, trap and removal of feral hogs can remove entire sounders and has proven to be effective. Hunting, at best, will kill a few and scatter the rest. Hunting allows for sport for a few but results in destruction of farms and native vegetation for many more.

Please DO NOT allow hunting of feral hogs.

Thank you

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
St. Louis, MO [REDACTED]

HP8

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 9:10 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Stop hunting feral swine

Please prohibit feral swine hunting in the Mark Twain forest. Hunting makes it more difficult to eradicate these animals. Let the experts trap them and get rid of them.

[REDACTED]

Fenton, MO [REDACTED]

896

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 9:33 PM
To: [REDACTED] FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Public Hog Hunting Comment Form

To Whom It May Concern,

Please consider my thoughts as follows:

In regard to the Mark Twain National Forests Proposed Closure to Public Hog Hunting I believe you should work with the taxpayers by allowing the people who live amongst the wild hog population help in controlling the population. This can be managed by setting "seasons" such as a summer trapping season. Once the set dates have passed, allow another season, in cooler temperatures, where mules and dogs would be allowed to assist in hunting and managing the wild hog population. The taxpayers that live on this land, know and understand the wild hog population better than those who do not live among the wild hog population. They have witnessed the destruction to their land, live stock and crops as the population has grown out of control.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 10:22 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Feral hog Policy on mark twain lands

Please join the responsible landowners in Mo and ban feral hog hunting on national forest lands. Please show you care about our native vegetation, wildlife, and natural habitats and unify the states efforts in eradication of this destructive intruder.

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 10:32 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Ban feral hog hunting in MO

I am writing to express my support of a ban on feral hog hunting in Missouri. The way to get rid of them is through trapping, not hunting.

[Redacted]

St. Louis, MO [Redacted]

Sent via iPhone

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 11:45 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Hog Hunting

Friday, July 19, 2019

SM.FS.MTFeralSwine@usda.gov <mailto:SM.FS.MTFeralSwine@usda.gov>

Subject: Feral Hog Hunting

We are in support of a ban on hunting feral hogs. We are land owners situated squarely between St. Francois and Washington State Parks, both of which we understand have sustained damage from feral swine. We have a 130-some-acre farm in southern Jefferson County, MO.

These animals are invasive and are not native wildlife which belong here. Many wild animal, bird, and plant species, as well as agricultural crops and domestic animals are jeopardized by their presence.

We are urging you and our legislators as well to ban hunting, transport and release of live feral hogs in Mark Twain National Forest and then to enforce those laws with prosecution for their violation. Too much is at stake. Human and animal health and safety, even on neighboring lands, are at risk from feral hogs. We side with the interests of state parks, the ag, cattle, and pork communities, Conservation Federation, Missouri Forest Products Association, the L-A-D Foundation, rural water and health associations, and many other groups, as well as state and federal agencies, to encourage collaboration with efforts to eliminate these hogs by trapping and to prohibit hog hunting throughout. We would hope to see such a ban take effect soon in national wildlife refuges in Missouri and in Ozark National Scenic Riverways as well.

The National Forest is in close proximity to too may high-quality streams and restored habitats of many kinds which are attractive to hogs. We are cattle owners and wildlife/birding enthusiasts. We understand the hogs can even damage cemeteries and are causing a decline in turkey, deer, and ground-nesting bird populations. We have hay fields, and we don't wish to sustain damage to those either. Our grown children, two of whom are Missouri residents, and their families also wish to see a ban on hog hunting. They live in St. Francois and Jefferson Counties. We would like to see Mead's Milkweed stay intact as well, which have been adversely impacted by hogs this past year.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

DeSoto, MO [Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] <[Redacted]@gmail.com>

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 12:29 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Hogs

Why aren't we doing more to rid our National Parks, home, businesses, farmlands of the destructive hogs. It makes no sense not to. Use the meat to provide meals to the homeless and poor. Don't take food out of everyone's mouth's includes yours by letting these animals destroy farms thus eliminating food. If you are support to save them by turning your back on the problem then you are no better than these destructive animals. You too will be destroying precious food, people's livelihoods and safety. Eradicate the hogs today!

[REDACTED]

Sent from myMail for iOS

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 5:22 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Please prohibit hunting of feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest

SM.FS.MTFeralSwine@usda.gov. The deadline

Please count me among those who ask you to prohibit public hunting of feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest. My understanding is that such hunting will exacerbate the problem of feral hogs.

I am a supporter of keeping/restoring ecosystems and habitat. My particular interest is birding and safety.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

St. Louis, MO [REDACTED]

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 7:13 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Hunting ban

I support the hunting ban on feral hogs. Trapping is far superior for reducing the numbers of the destructive pests. Let's hope no one tries to attach a measure to another bill and get it passed that way.

[REDACTED]
Hillsboro MO. [REDACTED]

Sent from my LG G6, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 7:16 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Hogs in Mark Twain National Forest

I support the Forest Service banning hog hunting on Forest Service lands.

I believe the undesirability of feral hogs in Ozarks or anywhere else is well documented. Any recreational benefits for such is greatly outweighed by the negative effects. Hunting has not proved to be an effective control measure. Maybe trapping will prove to be the best control measure.

Thank You,

[REDACTED]

904

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 8:13 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Ban on Feral Hogs

I totally support the proposed ban on hunting feral hogs in Mark Twain National forest.

[REDACTED]

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 8:33 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Hogs

Please do what you can to eradicate feral hogs from the Mark Twain National Forest - and all our public lands for that matter.
Please!

[Redacted]

Liberty, MO [Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 8:58 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Stop feral swine hunting

I ask that the federal government ban feral swine hunting in Missouri and elsewhere. Trapping is more effective and there should be a uniform approach to this terrible issue.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

907

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 9:15 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Hogs

We live adjacent to the Cobb Ridge motorcycle area in Christian County. We have had feral hogs trapped on two occasions, 27 and 9 respectively. We also get requests from people wanting to run their dogs to hunt them. After baiting a site for a week it is frustrating to have someone come across from the National Forest to shoot one on our land and blow the whole planned trap. Please forbid feral hog hunting on public lands so we have a better chance of trapping them.

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[REDACTED].com
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"We are using nature's gifts as if we had more than just one Earth at our disposal," - Marco Lambertini

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 9:31 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Please Ban Hunting of Feral Swine

As a concerned Missouri citizen, I ask you to ban hunting of feral swine in the Mark Twain National Forest. Hunting only impedes trapping of entire herds — the only proven method of controlling feral hogs. In other states where hunting has been allowed, feral hog populations have ballooned instead of shrinking. Thus, I urge you to ban hunting of feral swine and continue with efforts to trap feral hogs.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]
St. Louis, Missouri

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 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,

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.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 10:06 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: OPPOSE BAN ON LAWFUL HOG HUNTING IN MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST

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Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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911

Frier, Kimberly - FS, Rolla, MO

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 11:24 AM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Hog Hunting Ban Proposal

I support the proposal to ban hog hunting on the Mark Twain National Forest. The most effective way to eradicate hogs from an area is intensive coordinated trapping. Hunting scatters the sounders and makes it almost impossible to eradicate hogs in a specific area. Recreational hunting has caused the intentional release of hogs in order to maintain and spread the sport. Hunting over the baited traps to disrupt trapping is also common. The hogs create horrific environmental damage to our forest. They destroy wetlands, fens, marshes and springs with their rooting and wallows. The most precious natural resources on the forest should not be sacrificed so a few selfish people can hunt hogs on federal lands.

Even though the environmental damage feral hogs create is horrific, the detrimental economic impact to south central Missouri from feral hogs could be even greater. In 2016, beef cattle ranching and farming in Missouri reported a total sales value of 3.3 billion dollars. In Texas county alone, cattle ranching and farming reported a contribution in sales of 48.6 million dollars in 2016. Beef cattle ranching is the top contributor for agricultural production in Texas county. Feral swine carry many bacterial, viral and parasitic diseases of concern for cattle. Disease transmission can occur by direct contact or if feral swine have access to pastures or water sources used by cattle. Many of the pathogens such as Leptospirosis and Pseudorabies can cause weight loss, abortions, infertility or death in cattle. A positive test for some diseases, even without clinical systems, can require quarantine of cattle, reduced access to markets and even disposal of animals. Swine Brucellosis has been found in Missouri feral hogs and will cause positive tests in cattle. Disease introduction to Missouri cattle herds from feral hogs could have a huge financial impact thru loses in productivity and negative impacts on trade.

My family and my husband's family have raised cattle in Texas and Oregon counties for over 125 years. Our livelihood has included cattle farming for generations. Feral hog hunting is not part of our heritage. Our cattle herds, our neighbor's cattle herds, and the economic viability of the counties surrounding the Mark Twain National Forest should not be put at risk for the sake of recreational hunting by a few people on National Forest Lands.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Houston, MO [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 12:06 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral hogs

As a hunter sometimes, I believe hog hunting is the poorest way to control feral hogs. Missouri must come about and eradicate feral hogs as quickly as possible to protect our environment and wildlife as well as agriculture. Please ban hunting feral hogs everywhere possible. [REDACTED] Sturgeon, MO

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Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 12:29 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Hogs in Missouri

Hello,

We backpack several times a year through the Mark Twain National Forest and we have seen damage in several of the forests that we have visited. These hogs have dug up random patches leaving an eroded and unsightly area that we have to make our way around. One of main things I worry about while out hiking is whether we will run across these wild hogs and whether they will charge us or come to our camp seeking food. We do not carry guns and do not know how to hunt.

We are concerned about the spread of feral hogs in our state, and don't feel like millions of our tax Missouri tax dollars should be spent covering for crop damage or repairing imperiled lands. Please stop supporting feral hog hunting and instead put our tax dollars to work in an aggressive, all-out effort of complete eradication.

Thank you for reading this and let us know if you can support this.

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Sent from my iPad

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Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 1:25 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Support for Feral Hog Hunting Ban

Dear Forest Service/USDA Representative:

I am contacting the department to show my support for the Feral Hog Hunting Ban. When hunting of the hogs is allowed, the hogs become scattered instead of staying in family groups. I understand that this ban is necessary to control the population, enabling professionals to proceed in trapping entire families of the hogs.

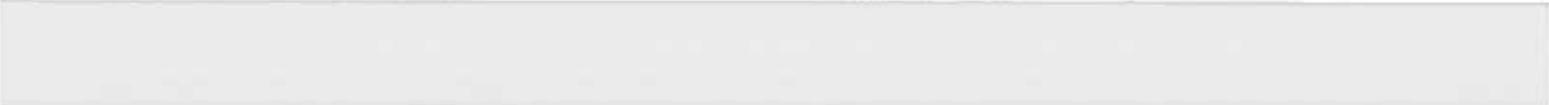
Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion in support of the Feral Hog Hunting Ban in the Mark Twain National Forest.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

St. Louis, MO [Redacted]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 2:18 PM
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,

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.

Sincerely,

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 5:11 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Hogs in Missouri

Please do not let a small group of vocal hog hunters dictate their fun and profit \$\$\$ over the objections of professionals who are trying to eliminate a problem that could be detrimental to our State for decades to come just because we wouldn't stand up and do the right thing here in 2019.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 6:56 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: OPPOSE BAN ON LAWFUL HOG HUNTING IN MARK TWAIN NATIONAL FOREST

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 7:04 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral Hog Eradication

I'm writing to give my support to USDA Forest Service procedures to eradicate feral hogs, particularly in Missouri. The damage they do to public and private lands must be stopped. Please add my voice to support all USDA Forest Service policies and procedures in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

[Redacted]

Lee's Summit, Mo [Redacted]

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 7:14 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Hunting

Please don't allow hunting of feral hogs on Forest Service Lands. They are destroying native habitats and cannot be controlled by hunting. Thanks for considering my opinion.

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 7:53 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral hogs

Everyone knows feral hogs are not good for the environment. Native animals and native flora. Please eradicate them
Sent from my iPad

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 9:07 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Ban hog hunting

Please ban hog hunting on the MTNF - i do not want to support or promote the hunting of hogs in Missouri. In no state where feral hogs are hunted are they kept in control by the hunting. I want hogs eliminated by trapping and then kept out of our state.

Thank you,

[Redacted]

Columbia MO

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 10:48 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral hog hunting ban

I very strongly support the Forest Service proposal to ban feral hog hunting in the Mark Twain National Forest. Thank you Sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 11:19 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Missouri hog eradication- mark twain nf

To whom it may concern,

As someone who has hunted hogs in mark twain national forest successfully, I recognize the enjoyment of killing a feral hog. However, I also recognize the impact my hunting has on control efforts. I have seen ravines totally ravaged with hogs digging up the bottoms. I sincerely believe stopping hog hunting in mark twain is in the best interests of hog control and more broadly hunting in Missouri.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2019 11:40 PM
To: FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment
Subject: Feral hog comment

I would like to begin by stating that I oppose the banning of hog hunting on Mark Twain National Forest. I am a Missouri sportsman. I am not a hog hunter. However, after learning firsthand and building relationships with many landowners, farmers, and hound hunters that do hunt them regularly, it is my belief that banning hunting in the MTNF will lead to more problems than solutions.

The only way we will ever get this problem under control is for ALL parties to work together, including hound hunters. All methods of killing hogs must be used in coordination with each other and used at the the proper time in the appropriate situation. Restricting hunting should be seriously considered. Restricting access to all interference while trapping is taking place, will be necessary to achieve optimal success. That means closing areas to everyone not involved in the trapping effort not just hog hunters. Once trapping efforts have begun to decline open the areas back up to hunting, as all methods will be necessary to eliminate the hogs. Hog hunters kill thousands of hogs a year. I do not believe that banning hunting of hogs on public land will lead to the desired results. It is my belief that we must think more fluidly when it comes to the hog problem, broad stroke solutions will not work across the board. We must all work together to help get the feral hog crisis under control.

Thank you for your consideration,
[REDACTED]