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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 7:43 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Ban Hunting of Feral Hogs

MTNF:

I support the ban of hunting of feral hogs on the MTNF.

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**From:** [REDACTED]@com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 7:51 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Please Ban Hunting of Feral Hogs in Mark Twain National Forest

Greetings,

I'm writing to voice my official opposition to the rule allowing Feral Hog hunting in Mark Twain National Forest. Because of the nature of feral hogs, a concentrated trapping effort is the only way to effectively limit the spread of feral hogs and reduce their numbers from damaging farmland and enclosures for other animals. This ban is supported by the Missouri Farm Bureau, Missouri Soybean Association, Missouri Pork Association, Missouri Department of Agriculture, and the United States Department of Agriculture. Please add my voice to those supporting a ban on this type of hunting in this area.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]  
Saint Louis (unincorporated town), [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 9:15 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Feral Swine Comment - Mark Twain NF

Hello,

I am writing in support of the U.S. Forest Service's proposal to close the Mark Twain NF to the take (hunting), pursuit, or release of feral hogs on Mark Twain National Forest land. Feral hogs cause tremendous ecological and economic damage in Missouri, including on the Mark Twain NF. Feral hogs are non-native species and harm our native wildlife species and pose a threat to domestic swine and other livestock. Closing the Mark Twain NF to hog hunting will assist in the control and eradication of feral hogs as has been demonstrated by USDA/APHIS and other credible agencies and organizations. We must control feral hogs and closing hunting of them will assist with trapping and other control efforts by conservation agencies. Feral hogs pose a threat to the great natural resources of our state. Again, I support the closing of hog hunting on the Mark Twain National Forest. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Jefferson City, MO [REDACTED]

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 9:34 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Feral Hogs - Public Comment

I support the proposed legislation to prohibit hunting of feral hogs in Mark Twain National Forest. The research supports prohibition of hunting. Trapping is more effective in reducing feral hog numbers than is hunting.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 10:10 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,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 10:39 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Attn: Feral Swine Comment

I oppose the ban of feral hog hunting on Mark Twain National Forest.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 10:45 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment

To whom it may concern:

DO NOT pose a NO HUNTING BAN on Mark Twain National Forest. Government Agencies should be working WITH Hunters!

Government Agencies cannot do this alone! To date the population is growing and will only continue should this ban be put into place, not to mention making Federal Criminals out of Sportsmen & Landowners trying to remove hogs from Private Property. Government Agencies have not eradicated hogs on State land much less close another 1.5 million acres!

I am totally opposed to this!

[REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 10:50 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,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 10:52 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Feral Hog Action Alert-Response

To the Mark Twain Forest Supervisor,

I am writing in support of the U.S. Forest Service's proposal to close the Mark Twain to the take (hunting), pursuit, or release of feral hogs on Mark Twain National Forest land. As has been stated: "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." As a landowner myself, I can appreciate the constant assault our landscapes are under from development, invasive species, and many other pressures. Our wild landscapes must be preserved.

I agree to 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." I believe the research on the issue of how best to manage these animals is clear, and has been made publicly available by the Missouri Department of Conservation and other organizations. The process must proceed according to the most efficient way available, which is not through hunting but by the trapping methods that have been developed and implemented by the Missouri Conservation Department and other agencies.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 12:18 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Opposition Feral Hog Hunting Ban/Mark Twain National Forest

I would like to register my opposition to the proposed feral hog hunting ban on Mark Twain National Forest land. I humbly disagree with the notion that banning hunting in favor of trapping is the best way to eradicate these animals. It defies logic that these methods cannot co-exist. Please consider the rights of hunters to harvest this resource for productive use along side those who want a trapping only approach. While I have read articles which claim that the trapping only approach has been proven by results in other states, namely the experience in Northern Tennessee, I have yet to see any on a hunting & trapping approach. Please consider trying this dual approach before considering removing the rights of Missouri hunters.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
West Plains/Howell County, MO

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 12:48 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Feral swine

If you would just drive around on the land that they are already trapping you would see they are still loaded with hogs we need to do this together not separate

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 1:22 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Hog Hunting

Please ban feral hog hunting on our public lands.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
KCMO

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 2:34 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Close public lands to private party feral hog hunting

Forest Service:

I would like to support the US Forest Service in closing feral hog hunting to private citizens. I have viewed the destructiveness of feral hog activity first hand. We need to remove any incentive for people keeping feral hogs around. We need to increase funding to help government partnerships between Forest Service, National Park Service, Missouri State Park's, and Missouri Department of Conservation to eliminate the feral hog problem in Missouri.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 3:06 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:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 3:16 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:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 3:37 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Feral Hogs

Please act in the Mark Twain National Forest to eliminate feral hogs. There are lots of other animals to hunt in Missouri, and wild hogs are really damaging!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 5:46 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Fw: Feral Hogs

Good Day

My name is [REDACTED] Missouri,

Our organization [REDACTED] and I as an Individual ask your agency to ban hunting of feral hogs on Missouri's National Forestland. Missouri's Natural Resources, Soil, Water, Plants and Animals wild and domestic whether on public or private land are threatened with destruction, and contamination. It is vitally important that the most efficient methods of ridding feral hogs be implemented immediately. The literature I have read gives hunting very low marks as a management tool, and in fact can add to the problem. Mark Twain National Forest is a key player in eradicating feral hogs along with other state partners Missouri Department of Conservation, State Parks, and Private Landowners. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to comment.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 5:51 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Hog hunting on Mark Twain National Forest

I support the ban of of jpg hunting on MTNF.

[REDACTED]  
Hallsville, Mo [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone





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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 7:56 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Comments on proposed rule to ban hog hunting on the Mark Twain National Forest

Forest Supervisor  
Attn: Feral Swine Comment, Mark Twain Natl. Forest, 401 Fairgrounds Road, Rolla MO 65401

To whom it may concern:

I am in total support on the U.S. Forest Service's proposed rule to ban feral hog on the Mark Twain National Forest. Feral hogs are a significant threat to the Missouri landscape, the wildlife and plant resources of the State, Missouri's federally listed Mead's Milkweed, Geocarpon, Missouri Bladder-pod, and the Hine's Emerald Dragonfly. These nuisance animals are reservoirs for numerous diseases and threaten the state's economy by destroying valuable crops. The only way to significantly reduce the spread of this exotic is through a complete ban on the release and hunting of feral hogs as recommended by the Missouri Department of Conservation. Consequently, I am in total support of the proposed ban.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 7:58 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** I support the ban on the release and hunting of feral hogs in Mark Twain National Forest

I am a Missouri resident, birder and outdoor enthusiast. I whole heartedly support the ban on the release and hunting of feral hogs in Mark Twain National Forest.

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Lees Summit, MO

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 8:05 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Ban on feral hog release and hunting on MTNF

Attn: Forest Supervisor:

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

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Boone Co Missouri

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 8:25 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Burroughs Audubon of Greater KC Supports Ban on Feral Hog Hunting in Mark Twain  
**Attachments:** Feral HogFINAL.pdf

July 21, 2019  
To Whom it May Concern at Mark Twain:  
sm.fs.mtferalswine@usda.gov

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Sincerely,

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[REDACTED] Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City  
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**Audubon Society**  
of Greater Kansas City

July 21, 2019

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Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 8:44 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Feral hog hunting ban in Mark Twain National Forest

Please consider this support for the ban on individual hunting of feral hogs within the Mark Twain National Forest, and throughout the state of Missouri. I have witnessed the massive destruction wrought by feral hogs, and their rampant reproduction rate. Individual hunting techniques are proven to be detrimental in the rapid reduction of the feral hog population and may, in fact, increase their distribution. Please do not let this destruction spread. A ban on individual hunting, and the support of methods that trap a complete sounder is imperative.

Thank you for your support.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 9:30 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:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 10:34 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** No hog hunting

I support the use of science, and since science has proven that hog hunting is ineffective at reducing hog numbers, and in fact reduces the impact on trapping efforts, then I support the ban on feral hog hunting on Mark Twain National Forest Lands. These non-wildlife need to be eradicated from our state in the most effective way possible.

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Columbia, MO

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2019 11:02 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Hunting to control feral hogs is not the answer

Please consider my comments:

I support the U.S. Forest Service's proposal to close the Mark Twain NF to take (hunting), pursuit, or release of feral hogs on Mark Twain National Forest land.

Hunting to control feral hogs is not the answer. Trapping without hunting is the best method in Missouri and other states to eliminate feral hogs.

Feral hogs are an invasive-introduce species that doesn't belong in the MTNF and hunting could help increase the existing populations.

Thank you,

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'Once upon a time every single flower in the world was a wildflower' Miriam Goldberger 'Taming Wildflowers'

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 6:03 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Feral hogs on Mark Twain

I am writing in support of the closure of hog hunting on USFS land. I'm a landowner in Shannon County and I have seen the damage hogs do. Continuing to allow hog hunting just encourages the illegal release of more hogs. Please implement the ban and use as many resources as possible to trap and eradicate these noxious animals.

Thank you,

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 7:15 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Missouri Parks Association-Feral Hog Comment

Missouri Parks Association (MPA) supports a ban on feral hog hunting in the Mark Twain National Forest. Missouri state parks, along with other lands both public and private in hog-infested areas of the Ozarks, have a lot at stake in the success of the ban. With few natural predators, feral hogs have multiplied rapidly across much of southern Missouri, creating issues at state parks in the area.

Parks with known hog damage—in addition to Johnson’s Shut-Ins, Taum Sauk, Roaring River and Stockton—include Hawn, Elephant Rocks, St. Francois, Washington, Sam Baker, and Wappapello. These are parks with extraordinary natural resources, including carefully restored glades, prairies, woodlands, fens, wetlands, and high-quality streams attractive to hogs. All are in proximity to units of the Mark Twain and groups of active hog hunters and are in danger of continued hog damage despite vigilant trapping by park staff and professional federal trappers.

The proposal to close the Mark Twain to the hunting of feral hogs will be important to helping agencies and partners make positive progress towards feral hog eradication. Enacting this ban will be helping protect surrounding natural communities, state parks, and farmland from feral hog damage, as well. Missouri Parks Association overwhelmingly supports a ban on feral hog hunting and passing this ban in the Mark Twain National Forest is a very sensible action to take.

Sincerely,

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**Frier, Kimberly - FS, Rolla, MO**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 10:07 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** support ban on feral hog hunting in Mark Twain

Forestry Supervisor:

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

A ban on feral hog hunting in the Mark Twain is essential to eradication of this highly destructive non-native, non-game species.

Eradication is best accomplished with the proven method of trapping, used in Missouri and other states, that can only be effective with non-hunting interference.

Please protect our highly important public area as well as nearby residents and agricultural crops etc, by banning feral hog hunting in the Mark Twain National Forest.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 10:08 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Feral Hog hunting in Mark Twain

Please do not allow Feral Hog Hunting in Mark Twain National Forest.

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St James, Mo [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 10:14 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Ferrel Hogs

I support the current Ferrel HogTrap/eliminate rather than Sport Hunting to eliminate Ferrel Hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest.  
Bob Borman

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 10:35 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Hog clouser on MTNF

I agree with the proposal of the US Forest Service to close off the public hunting of hogs on Mark Twain National Forest lands. I live in a location that has been overrun with hogs and the Missouri Department of Conservation has set-up traps. They have had success, however, when hunters (illegal) and dogs are in the area, the hogs become spooked and trappings do not occur until months later. I believe the incidents are related. Once hogs are scared (from one being shot, shot at, or with dogs running), the others member of the sounder scatter or are smart enough to leave the area, hence trapping does not capture the entire group. By allowing continued hunting, it may also encourage those who enjoy the chase, spend money on the efforts, and trained dogs to perhaps release (illegally) additional animals to support the sport and their enjoyment.

Overall, it appears that neither the US Forest Service nor the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has sufficient staff to deal with the hog problems. This needs to become a priority. Both agencies need to find managers who can tell state and federal Congressional members that this is the number one problem with dealing with the hogs in order to obtain more earmarked money. Get more field-going staff hired to deal with the hogs. Even if they are hired as temporary employees. But if private hunters are no longer allowed to hunt them, problems will worsen without sufficient agency staffing to deal with the hogs.

Hogs have really wreck several portions of my property and my neighbor's, but through the continuous efforts of MDC, those problems should lessen. At least I am not trying to earn a livelihood off of my land. Hogs have become such a severe problem in Missouri, but now hopefully the issue has become in the fore-front. I understand that because of the large land ownership of the US Forest Service in Missouri and so many private land owners within the Mark Twain National Forest administrative boundaries, hog are finding a great place to live, feed, and breed. If managers, biologists, planners, and Congress can just come together and do things right, feral hogs will become history in Missouri. Close off all public lands to hunting and ensure sufficient funding for Missouri's public land owners to deal with them.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 10:35 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Feral Swine Comment —please BAN hunting in Mark Twain

Forest Supervisor,

Please support the proposed ban on feral hunting in our Mark Twain National Forest so proven methods can be used to address the problem of this highly destructive non-native, non-game animal!!

A decision to ban feral hog hunting in the 1.5 million-acre public land of the Mark Twain National Forest will present the greatest good to the greatest number of people and protect the important natural resources of the area. Local residents, growers of agricultural crops, vacationers, and other users of the area will all benefit by a ban on feral hog hunting so proven trapping methods can be used effectively to eradicate this highly destructive menace.

Thank you,

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Peculiar, MO

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 11:29 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Ban on release and hunting of feral swine at Mark Twain National Forest

To whom it may concern

I support the ban on the release and hunting of feral swine at Mark Twain National Park. These animals are dangerous and destructive. We have them where I live and they are preventing people from going to the state park without a rifle for protection.

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Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 11:36 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** STOP public hunting of feral hogs on the Mark Twain National Forest

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

The evidence shows that recreational hog hunting impedes trapping. They damage crops, pastures, woodlands and glades; they wallow in the wetlands; they eat eggs and young of ground-nesting birds and other wildlife, along with berries, roots, nuts, and other human and wildlife foods; and they carry many diseases that can spread to wildlife, livestock, pets and humans.

Thank you,

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Fenton, MO [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 11:40 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** feral hog hunting ban

I am writing this final plea to ask the US Forest Service to not agree to MDC's request to ban feral hog hunting on Mark Twain. As a land owner in Ripley County I have first hand knowledge of what will work and what will not. I trapped feral hogs on my property for 2 years and caught 9 hogs. I then got dogs to help control the population. In the next 2 years I caught 131 hogs with dogs and hunting. I am surrounded by Mark Twain and we have been successful in reducing feral hog populations in our area in the last 2 years. It takes both hunting, dogs and traps to work. While studies may show better success with traps it simply will not be 100% effective as MDC would lead you to believe. Radio controlled traps in smaller areas will be effective but the remoteness and size of the Mark Twain forest will require all methods to be successful.

If MDC and USFS are really interested in trying to eradicate the hogs it will require a combined effort using all means possible. I would suggest a panel of a few landowners, hunters, MDC, and the Forest Service in each county to meet and share information in an effort to control hog populations. I would suggest trapping around less remote areas and during summer months, and hunting in the remote areas during cooler weather. If we share information as to sounder locations and work together we should be able to make a difference.

Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 11:40 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Feral Swine Comment

To whom it may concern,

I am officially submitting my comments to the US Forest Service in favor of my support of the Mark Twain National Forest's Forest Closure Order to ban the take, pursuit, and release of feral swine. This is an important and monumental step towards the control and hopefully elimination of feral pigs and hogs in Missouri. With the number of acres managed by the Mark Twain National Forest, controlling feral swine in the state is not possible without this ban.

Over the last few decades, the negative impacts of feral swine have been well documented throughout the southern United States. The destruction these animals are capable of is hardly limited to natural landscapes, they also root and reduce productions of agricultural lands. They are also indiscriminant omnivores that will root and consume anything in their path. This includes eggs of ground nesting birds such as wild turkeys and northern bobwhite quail, some of the country's most popular game birds. Sensitive areas (including areas harboring rare and endangered species) and wetlands are often stripped bare of vegetation after a sounder moves through.

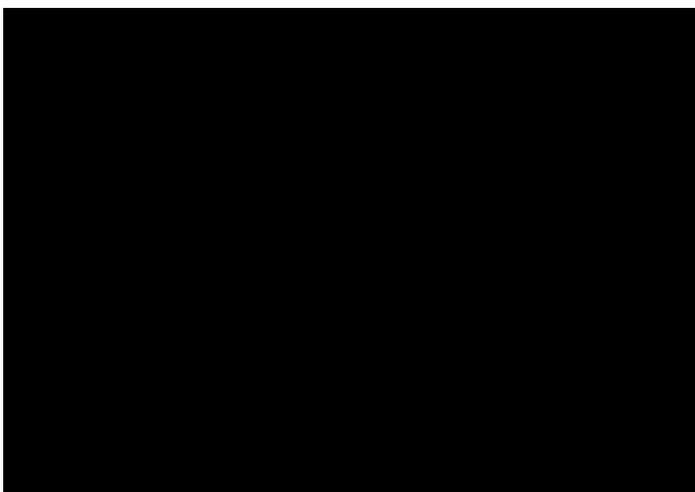
I would also like to speak to how I believe hogs reduce the recreational and esthetic value of the land. I am, like many people who regularly visit Missouri State Parks, Missouri Conservation Areas, the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, and the Mark Twain National Forest, an enthusiastic fisherman, hunter, camper, and hiker. Put simply, I enjoy the outdoors. As such, I have had numerous and increasing encounters with feral swine as the years come and go. None have been good, and all have detracted from the outdoor experience at hand. I have had to follow miles of rooted up leaves and dirt only to find a sounder of hogs in my way. I have unknowingly jumped hogs while driving UTVs and been stunned by their speed and power. I have also hike to some of my favorite scenic areas in the Ozarks only to find the once common, beautiful, and striking plant diversity marred or removed completely by hogs.

The only people who think they benefit are those attempting to build an industry around hog hunting. These are also the individuals that help perpetuate feral swine populations through actively transporting and releasing animals and therefore robbing the rest of us the opportunity to properly enjoy and utilize both public and private property (for recreational and/or economic reasons). Why do the private lands (yards, gardens, pastures, etc.), logging industry, deer and turkey hunters, and recreational hikers have to suffer for the slight benefit of just a few selfish individuals? I believe the Mark Twain National Forest belongs to all of us. It can support the activities of nearly all other special interests groups (deer and turkey hunters, ORV enthusiast, horseback clubs, historical organizations, hiking organizations, and biologists) that are invested in its resources. It can support these activities because they can be controlled and implemented with respect to one another. Hog hunting cannot. Hogs will travel and leave paths of destruction wherever they roam. We cannot control whether or not they choose to root in a sensitive natural community, destroy a horseback trail, or reduce a pasture's ability to feed livestock or produce hay. Thus, protecting hog hunting on the Mark

Twain National Forest will only serve to reduce the Forest's economic and recreational value to its visitors and neighbors.

In my conclusion, the existence of feral swine in Missouri negatively effects nearly everyone. The recreational and economic values of both public and private lands suffer. To do the greatest good and positively support the largest number of special interests groups and people, this ban on hog hunting is a necessity. It is imperative. Without the Mark Twain National Forest taking action to disincentivize the transport and releasing of hogs, all efforts to reduce and remove populations in this state are for nothing. Please support this Forest Closure Order and ban the hunting of feral swine on the Mark Twain National Forest.

Thank you for your time,



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 11:48 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Feral hog

I support the US Forest Service proposal to ban hunting of hogs on the Mark Twain National Forest <x-apple-data-detectors://1> .

Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 11:54 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Support Ban on Hunting Feral Hogs

As a concerned Missourian, I support the proposed ban of hunting feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest. Feral hogs are invasive, destructive, and are a threat to our natural resources. Please ban the hunting of feral hogs in the national forests in order to expedite their elimination from Missouri through proven trapping and removal techniques.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]  
Saint Louis, MO [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 11:56 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Support ban on feral hog hunting

I am aware of the growth of feral hog populations but feel strongly that hunting is not the best way to eradicate them, as research is showing that hunting simply disperses the group and actually increases populations. Please ban traditional hunting of these animals and control the population by trapping the entire group. Thank you.

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Kristin Riott

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 11:57 AM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Support Ban on Hunting Feral Hogs

As a concerned Missourian, I support the proposed ban of hunting feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest. Feral hogs are invasive, destructive, and are a threat to our natural resources. Please ban the hunting of feral hogs in the national forests in order to expedite their elimination from Missouri through proven trapping and removal techniques

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 12:02 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Support Ban on Hunting Feral Hogs

I am a concerned Missouri citizen, and I support the proposed ban of hunting feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest. I have learned that feral hogs are invasive and destructive, and they pose a threat to ecosystems and the wildlife they support.

Please ban the hunting of feral hogs in the national forests in order to expedite their elimination from Missouri through proven – and I hope humane - trapping and removal techniques.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 12:02 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Support Ban on Hunting Feral Hogs

As a concerned Missourian, and a hunter, I support the proposed ban of hunting feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest. Feral hogs are invasive, destructive, and are a threat to our natural resources. Please ban the hunting of feral hogs in the national forests in order to expedite their elimination from Missouri through proven trapping and removal techniques.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 12:02 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** support ban on hunting feral hogs

To whom it may concern:

As a concerned Missourian, I support the proposed ban of hunting feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest. Feral hogs are invasive, destructive, and are a threat to our natural resources. Please ban the hunting of feral hogs in the national forests in order to expedite their elimination from Missouri through proven trapping and removal techniques. Thank you.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 12:04 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Support Ban on Hunting Feral Hogs

As a concerned Missourian, I support the proposed ban of hunting feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest. Feral hogs are invasive, destructive, and are a threat to our natural resources. Please ban the hunting of feral hogs in the national forests in order to expedite their elimination from Missouri through proven trapping and removal techniques.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 12:06 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Supporting ban on hunting feral hogs in Missouri

To Whom it May Concern:

As a concerned Missourian, I support the proposed ban of hunting feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest. Feral hogs are invasive, destructive, and are a threat to our natural resources. Please ban the hunting of feral hogs in the national forests in order to expedite their elimination from Missouri through proven trapping and removal techniques. I saw three, including a baby piglet, at Hercules Glades Wilderness just a week and a half ago.

Thank you for allowing public input on this important matter for our natural resources. The National Forest is one of Missouri's greatest assets.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
St. Louis, Missouri [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2019 12:07 PM  
**To:** FS-Mark Twain Feral Swine Comment  
**Subject:** Support Ban on Hunting Feral Hogs

For the survival of our forests, and the safety of our residents, I support the proposed ban on hunting feral hogs in the Mark Twain National Forest. We can learn from Hawaii's experience, where feral hogs have even killed people who wandered into their territory. Trapping family groups and removing them intact is the way to go, not sport hunting, which has been shown to promote distribution of the groups over wider expanses.

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