

Subject: Hog Management Report for BCA - January 2018

Greetings,

This is the monthly report for the BCA hog management program for January 2018. Jesse Paul took 60 hogs in January. This month 31 hogs were taken with dogs vs. 29 in traps, as noted below.

Property breakdown is as follows:

1st Place: 18 in a trap.
2nd Place: 7 with dogs.
3rd and 4th (TIE): 6 with dogs; 6 in a trap.
5th and 6th (TIE): 5 with dogs; 5 in a trap.
7th and 8th (TIE): 4 with dogs.
9th Place: 3 with dogs.
10th Place: 2 with dogs.

The remainder of the properties had no hogs this month.

As I'm writing this, the wood stove is popping and the temp is falling outside...again. We've had more cold weather this winter than any in recent memory. Cold weather causes stress on wildlife as well as humans. Some species are better adapted to cold weather than others. Hogs don't have much in the way of insulating fur, so they rely on a layer of subcutaneous fat to keep them warm. To maintain that fat layer, they need to eat constantly. So, through the month of February, we should expect to see widespread movements of hogs around the landscape as they search for high-density nutrition. This level of activity is hard to keep track of, so give JP a hand by doing a little patrol work and reporting to him where you find recent activity.

Please welcome Bryan and Pie Cook to HOGMOP. Their place adjoins Spangler and Wagon Track, and fills in another block in the checkerboard coverage of the hog program.

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