

Memorandum of Understanding Arkansas Feral Hog Eradication Task Force

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into between the current members of the Arkansas Feral Hog Eradication Task Force, namely the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission, the Arkansas Agriculture Department, the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, the Department of Arkansas Heritage, the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, the Arkansas Department of Health, the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas acting for and on behalf of the Division of Agriculture, the Arkansas Association of Counties, the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts, the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, the Arkansas Forestry Association, the Arkansas Pork Producers Association, the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association, The Nature Conservancy, and the Arkansas Dog Hunters Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Members").

This Memorandum of Understanding is also made and entered into between the current members and federal government partners that will serve in an advisory and supporting role to the work of the Arkansas Feral Hog Eradication Task Force, namely the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Wildlife Services; United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); the United States Forest Service; and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (hereinafter referred to as the "Partners").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Arkansas General Assembly, through enactment of Act 1010 of 2017, established the Arkansas Feral Hog Eradication Task Force for the purpose of creating a plan for the eradication of feral hogs in Arkansas; and


WHEREAS, the Members and Partners (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties") have mutual interests in the preservation of wildlife, agriculture and natural resources in the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, feral hogs are an invasive species that are destructive to native flora, fauna, habitats, agricultural lands, timber lands and industrial lands, and the myriad of vast natural resources of and within the borders of Arkansas. Additionally, feral hogs are carriers for a myriad of maladies that affect humans, livestock, poultry and wildlife, and pose a serious threat to the pristine water resources, tourism industry, natural scenery, and economy of the State of Arkansas; and

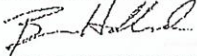
WHEREAS, feral hogs pose an imminent and significant threat to public health, safety, outdoor pursuits, and public and private property in the Natural State; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Parties to work cooperatively to review and address problems associated with feral hogs and develop a plan for their eradication in Arkansas.


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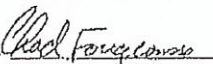
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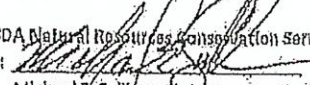
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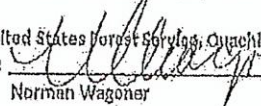
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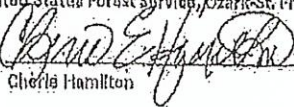
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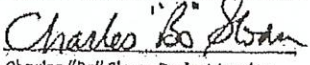
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