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Aquatic Invasive Species **NEWSLETTER**



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Feral Swine - Squeal on Pigs!

Feral swine are an invasive, non-native species. Over time, pigs have escaped or were released intentionally, creating free-ranging feral swine populations in the United States and Canada. They are aggressive and pose serious ecological, economic, and health threats. Their spread is blamed for an estimated \$1.5 billion annually worth of damage to crops, wildlife, and the environment.



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Feral swine are highly destructive and potentially dangerous animals. These swine can carry over 30 diseases and parasites that pose a threat to livestock and humans, including swine brucellosis and pseudorabies.

Feral swine tend to forage in areas around rivers and streams, and their trampling and destructive rooting behavior - often compared to rototilling - causes erosion, spread of noxious weeds, loss of crops, and harm to fish habitat.

To prevent the introduction of feral swine into Montana, the 2015 Legislature prohibited the transportation, possession, and hunting of feral swine. There are no known established populations in Montana, although there are populations as close as North Dakota and Saskatchewan.

Early detection and rapid response are the keys to success. Eradicating small populations and minimizing the impacts of these invasive species are important to protect the economy and natural resources of the region.

Protect Montana from Feral Pigs. If you think you see a feral pig, report it immediately by calling 406-444-2976.

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