

For Immediate Release:

QUWF Donates RUGER Predator Firearm and Cuddeback Game Cameras to MDC for Feral Hog Eradication

Buffalo, MO: “The ravaging of our Missouri farm lands, fields and hunting grounds is growing to a critical stage from the feral hog populations in the state” stated Craig Alderman of QUWF. “The destructive hogs are an invasive species dropped here by unscrupulous individuals or escaping from high fence operations. Either way they are a significant destructive force of our farmlands. As this is written they are but a few short miles from the home of QUWF as they are exceptionally mobile when pressured and breed prolifically if not eradicated” Alderman explains.



The QUWF donated, American Made RUGER Predator Rifle, in .308 caliber, is a very potent tool in the established feral hog eradication efforts of the Missouri Department of Conservation. Combining its accuracy, reliability and design to be an exceptional firearm with their teams of dedicated professionals. The Black Flash Cuddeback Cameras allow observation of target areas without constant personnel monitoring saving hours of personnel time and energy.

Pictured are Sara Parker Pauley, MDC Director (Center) accepting the donation, Bill White, Chief, Private Land Services (left), and Craig Alderman, Executive Director QUWF (right)

“This donation is made to the Department of Conservation for use in the Departments feral hog eradication program, and as a partner contribution for the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation” stated Bill White, Chief Private Lands Division of the MDC. “We want to thank QUWF for the donation and contribution to the state-wide partnership to eradicate feral hogs from Missouri’s landscape” said White.

The donation of the RUGER Predator and the Cuddeback Cameras were arranged by QUWF Chief Biologist, Nick Prough. Who, after several site visits to see the devastation being done to the Missouri landscape by feral hogs initiated the request. “I saw first-hand that this is a huge problem and it is going to get worse. Every means possible needs to be taken to eradicate feral hogs and we all must work together to get this done” Prough declared. “The .308 caliber is preferred for its ability and combined with the RUGER Predator design, provides a valuable tool. Placing cameras on potential target areas saves personnel time and they can monitor the progression or regression of the feral hogs” Nick said.

As of January 2016, QUWF and its local chapters and members have impacted 3.2 million acres of wildlife habitat and its chapters spent over \$152 Million Dollars in their local communities. That is “Turnin-the-Dirt™”.

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