

Feral Pig Survey for Hunters and Guides



The Tejon Ranch Conservancy and UCSB Bren School of Environmental Science and Management request your help with a survey aimed at understanding your local knowledge of feral pigs on Tejon Ranch along with your preferences and opinions as a hunter or guide. Feral pigs are present in many areas throughout California, but little is still known about the feral pig population on Tejon Ranch.

Therefore, your help is critical for determining a rough idea of the number and location of feral pigs on Tejon Ranch. Your answers are important and will increase our understanding of the feral pig presence on Tejon. The answers you provide will also help us develop effective programs to deal with feral pigs and continue to provide a great hunting experience at Tejon Ranch.

Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions about your views on feral pigs. Individual responses will be kept strictly confidential. If you have questions or would like a copy of the results, please contact us at the address on the last page of this survey. THANK YOU for your time.

If possible, please take this survey online at [\[insert web link here\]](#).

Section I. The following questions are important in helping us understand your feral pig hunting and guiding experience. Please answer every question as completely as possible.

1. _____ How many years have you hunted pigs in California?
2. _____ How many of the last 5 years did you hunt pigs in California?
3. How did you first hear about Tejon Ranch? _____
4. Where else in California have you hunted or would consider hunting feral pigs?

5. Did you hunt pigs in California outside of Tejon Ranch in 2012? _____ YES _____ NO (skip to Q6)
If yes, where? _____
6. Did you hunt pigs in any other state in 2012? _____ YES _____ NO (skip to Q6)
If yes, where? _____
7. Did you pay a fee to access land for hunting in 2012? _____ YES _____ NO
8. What kind of land did you hunt pigs on in 2012? _____ PUBLIC _____ PRIVATE
9. How has your interest in Pig hunting in CA changed in the last 5 years?
_____ Less interested _____ No Change _____ More Interested

Why or why not? _____

10. How many Boars, Sows, and Piglets did you harvest in 2012?

_____ Boars _____ Sows _____ Piglets

Section II. The following questions will help us understand your knowledge about the numbers and locations of feral pigs on Tejon Ranch. Please answer every question as completely as possible.

1. Which type of pig hunt/s did you participate in at Tejon Ranch during 2012?

_____ Guided Pig Weekday _____ Guided Pig Weekend

_____ Wild Pig Management Hunt (SHARE Program)

_____ OTHER _____

2. What is the total number of Boars, Sows, and Piglets you harvested at Tejon Ranch in 2012?

_____ Boars _____ Sows _____ Piglets

3. I believe the population of feral pigs on Tejon Ranch is:

_____ Increasing _____ Stable _____ Decreasing

4. In your opinion, is the feral pig population at Tejon Ranch:

_____ Too Large _____ About Right _____ Too Small

5. Considering the current population of feral hogs on this land, how has the population changed?

Compared to last year: _____ LOWER _____ SAME _____ HIGHER _____ UNSURE

Compared to 3 years ago: _____ LOWER _____ SAME _____ HIGHER _____ UNSURE

Compared to 5 years ago: _____ LOWER _____ SAME _____ HIGHER _____ UNSURE

6. What do you think has the greatest influence on the size of feral pig populations?

_____ Neighbor's Management Practices _____ Hunting Pressure

_____ Illegal Release/Transfer _____ Natural Causes

Other (Please specify) _____

7. Have you noticed a decline in other wildlife or game at Tejon Ranch? _____ YES _____ NO

8. Do you believe this decline is related to feral pigs? _____ YES _____ NO

9. What species of wildlife do you believe have been affected by feral pigs?

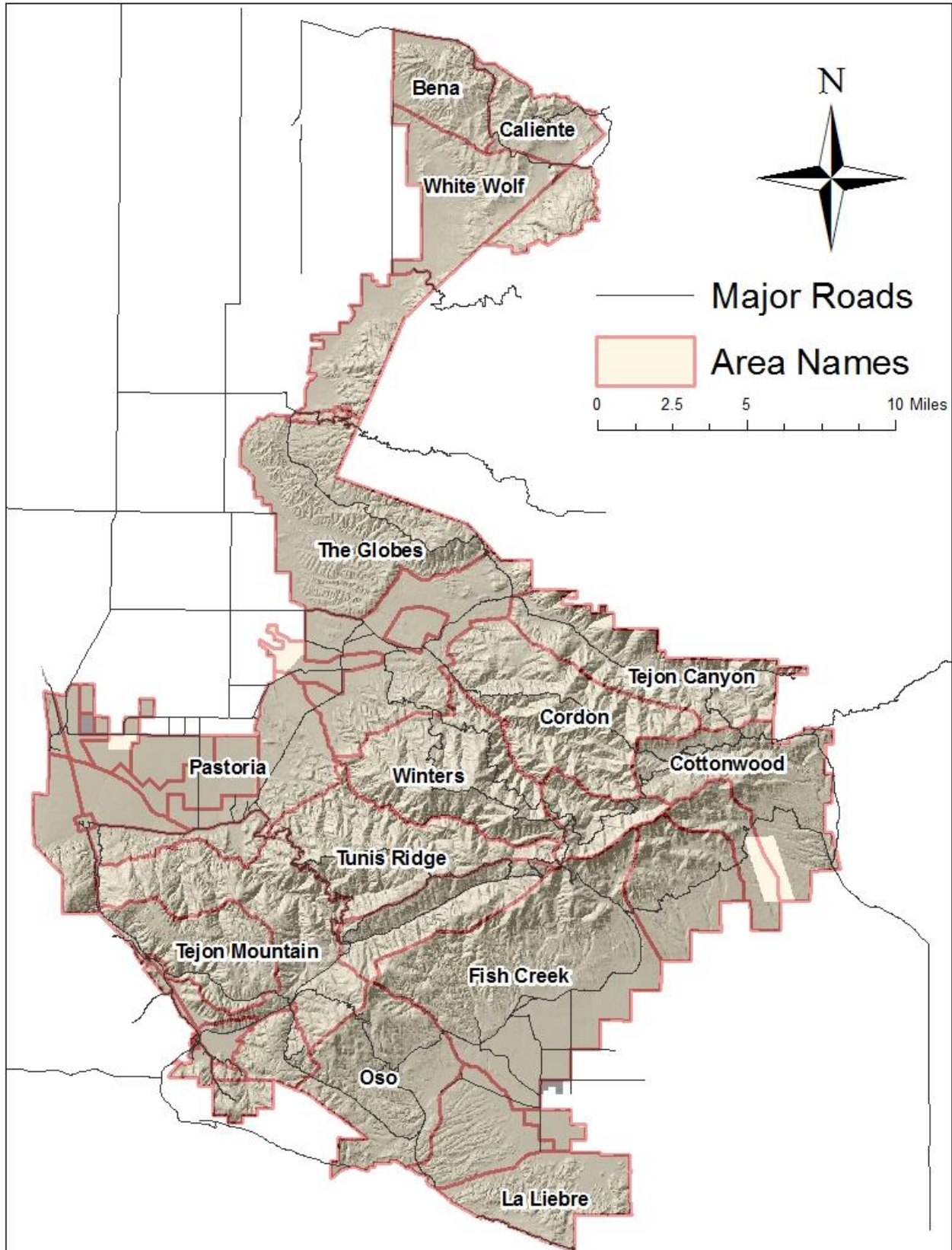
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| _____ California Quail | _____ Wild Turkey |
| _____ Rabbits | _____ Songbirds |
| _____ Waterfowl | _____ Deer |
| _____ Elk | _____ Salamanders |

Other (Please list) _____

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10. On the map below, please mark with an X the areas on Tejon where you have routinely seen feral pigs.



SECTION II. Please give us your views about feral pigs at Tejon Ranch and around the areas that you work or live. Your views help us better understand how hunters and hunting guides feel about feral pigs.

Indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each statement by **circling one number** on each row.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree Unsure	Agree	Strongly Agree
I enjoy seeing feral pigs around Tejon Ranch.	1	2	3	4	5
Feral pigs are an important part of the environment.	1	2	3	4	5
Feral pigs are Native to California	1	2	3	4	5
Feral pigs are a welcome addition to the number of big game species I can hunt	1	2	3	4	5
I hunt for boars only	1	2	3	4	5
I worry about problems feral pigs might cause Tejon Ranch.	1	2	3	4	5
Feral pigs are a nuisance.	1	2	3	4	5
Feral pigs are a source of disease.	1	2	3	4	5
Feral pigs should be eliminated whenever possible.	1	2	3	4	5
Feral pigs detract from deer or other hunting opportunities.	1	2	3	4	5
<i>Feral pigs should be managed primarily for...</i>					
a healthy, sustainable ecosystem	1	2	3	4	5
a healthy pig population	1	2	3	4	5
minimizing human/pig conflicts	1	2	3	4	5
<i>I would accept lower pig populations and seeing fewer pigs when hunting, if necessary to ...</i>					
increase the size of boars	1	2	3	4	5
improve population health	1	2	3	4	5

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improve habitat quality	1	2	3	4	5
reduce human/pig conflicts	1	2	3	4	5

Neither Agree nor Disagree

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Unsure	Agree	Strongly Agree
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I am completely satisfied with ...

Feral pig hunting seasons and Hunt options at Tejon Ranch	1	2	3	4	5
Feral pig hunting rules at Tejon Ranch	1	2	3	4	5
The price of my hunt	1	2	3	4	5
Number of Boars Seen	1	2	3	4	5
Size of Boars Seen	1	2	3	4	5

Increasing hunting pressure alone can control feral pig numbers on Tejon.	1	2	3	4	5
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Trapping and culling should be used to help control pig numbers on Tejon.	1	2	3	4	5
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Dog hunting for feral pigs should be allowed	1	2	3	4	5
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I would hunt sows or piglets to help control pig numbers.	1	2	3	4	5
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Section III. Please tell us about yourself. All answers are strictly confidential and specific responses will not be shared with others.

1. Are you a hunting guide at Tejon Ranch? ____ YES ____ NO
(If yes, skip ahead to Q?? the next page)
2. _____ How old are you?
3. _____ How old were you when you started hunting?
4. _____ What is your gender?
5. _____ What is your relationship status?
6. _____ What is the highest level of education you have attained?

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