Feral Pig Special Hunt Announced for the Pu'u Mali and Ka'ohe Restoration Areas on Hawaii Island

HILO-The Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife is pleased to announce a feral pig special hunt with dogs for the Pu'u Mali Restoration Area portion (excluding the central safety zone of the area) of Unit A, Mauna Kea Game Management Area and Forest Reserve, and the Ka'ohe Restoration Area of Unit G, Kaohe Game Management Area and Restoration Area. The hunt will take place on all non-bird hunting days (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, excluding state/federal holidays) during the general game bird hunting season (November 2, 2024-January 25, 2025) and every day after bird season through February 28, 2025.

Pursuant to Title 13, Chapter 123, "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting" (13-123-4), the following special conditions and procedures will be in effect for this hunt:

The use of dogs with rifles or knives is permitted in both areas. No shotguns are allowed during this special hunt. There is no bag limit for pigs and no limit on hunter group size or number of dogs. Before beginning the hunt, each participating hunter must fill out a permit form at the Kilohana hunter check station if hunting in the Ka'ohe Restoration Area or at the posted mailbox near the front gate entrance to Pu'u Mali Restoration Area off Keanakolu/Mana road if hunting Pu'u Mali. Please follow all instructions on the permit. Hunters participating in this special hunt must use the designated check-in/out sheet specific for this special hunt at each respective check station (rather than digital check-in/out via the Outerspatial mobile app). Access to Pu'u Mali is only from Keanakolu/Mana Road for this special hunt. Hunters can drive designated roads within both areas, mindful of dry conditions and wildland fire risks. Hunters can drive through the Pu'u Mali safety zone following the route identified in the map below and at the check stations. but no hunting is allowed in the safety zone. Entrance to the two front gates off Keanakolu/Mana Road into the Puu Mali Restoration Area requires a combination code that hunters can obtain by calling the DOFAW Hilo Office at (808) 974-4221. The maps below provide further details on hunt areas.

Questions?

Questions can be directed to the DOFAW Hilo office by visiting or calling at (808) 974-4221 during office hours (M-F 8:00am-4:30pm).



