

Deer-Dog and Deer-Dog Hunter Incidents 2015-2016

Reported by Coalition for Ethical Deer Hunting Members

Summary Statistics Individual Incident Reports by County

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Summary of Deer-Dog and Hunter Incidents 2015-2016

Coalition for Ethical Deer Hunting

Incidents Reported: 50

People Reporting Incidents: 16

Incident Report Summary

Incidents reported per person	People reporting that number of incidents	Percent
1	8	50%
2	2	13%
3	1	6%
4	3	19%
8	1	6%
15	1	6%

Incidents Reported by County

County	Incidents	Percent
Franklin	25	50%
Hancock	8	16%
Stone	4	8%
Tishomingo	4	8%
Perry	3	6%
Webster	2	4%
Amite	1	2%
Attala	1	2%
Benton	1	2%
Clay	1	2%

Incidents Involving Dogs: What the Dog(s) Did*

Incidents	Ran through property	Came to stand	Came to house/camp
37	37	2	3

*Some incidents involved more than one action.

Incidents Involving Dogs: What Happened to the Dog(s)*

Incidents	Did not catch	Got picture on game camera	Returned to owner	Picked up by warden	Other
37	13	13	9	1	1

*Some incidents involved more than one action.

Incidents Involving Hunters: What the Hunter(s) Did*

Incidents	Hunted from road	Trespassed	Blocked road	Dumped trash/offal	Made verbal/written threats	Damaged property	Assault or battery	Other
26	9	7	5	5	3	2	1	11

*Some incidents involved more than one action.

Amite

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/5/2016

County: Amite

Location: West Homochitto Rd.

of dogs: 1

What did the dogs do? Ran through property, came to house or camp.

What happened to the dogs? Picked up by warden

How many dog-deer hunters? 6

What did the hunter(s) do? Blocked road, hunted from road.

Incident narrative: Dog-deer hunters were hunting the road most of the day when my step mother called and asked for my assistance. The dog-deer hunters were racing up and down the road hunting a major crossing point. I went to the woods and caught the dog, took pictures, and gave the dog to the warden. Defendant in court case was not one of the hunters but pleaded guilty anyway. Permit number 3096, hunter's name Bill Hoover.

Attala

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 12/16/2015

County: Attala

Location: 4 miles NE of Ethel, MS

of dogs: 1

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Did not catch

How many dog-deer hunters? 0

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Hunting dog ran through the camp at mid-day; I could not catch it. It spent the last hour of daylight running deer through my lease. I did not see any hunters trying to pick him up to get him off my private property.

Benton

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/2/2016

County: Benton

Location: McGee Road in Holly Springs NF

of dogs: Several dogs and five trucks

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Did not catch

How many dog-deer hunters? At least ten

What did the hunter(s) do? Hunted from road; dumped trash, offal, etc.; other. Two hunters hid a yearling deer (legal bucks only on private land) in the brush until they felt safe enough to throw it into a dog box. I witnessed this from my property. The next day on a walk I found the carcasses of two other illegal deer, to include a four point buck shot in the tail end. I saw multiple hunters standing in the back of pickups with guns to shoot on a public road.

Incident narrative: I woke up at 7am to the sound of trucks racing back and forth on McGee Road. I ran outside and was attempting to intercept the dogs that trespassed on my 80 acres when very close gunshots began on McGee road and the "closed" forest service road that borders my property. There were probably 20 different rifle shots as the deer ran off my property and across the roads. I called the game warden and then observed the behavior of these people from my property while waiting on the game warden.

Clay

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/5/2016

County: Clay

Location: Pheba

of dogs:

What did the dogs do?

What happened to the dogs?

How many dog-deer hunters? one

What did the hunter(s) do? Made verbal threats, were verbally abusive. While I was going into my property a deer dog hunter passed in his truck slowed down and cussed me for no reason.

Incident narrative: While I was going into my property, a deer dog hunter, B. J. McKee, passed in his truck, slowed down, and cussed me for no reason.

Franklin

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 11/24/2015

County: Franklin

Location: Quentin, FR 111A

of dogs:

What did the dogs do?

What happened to the dogs?

How many dog-deer hunters? unknown, two trucks and a UTV

What did the hunter(s) do? Blocked road, other. Operated UTV on forestry road.

Incident narrative: A red two-seat UTV with a dog box in the bed stopped and parked in the middle of FR 111A for several minutes while hunters retrieved at least one dog. UTVs aren't supposed to be on the road, hunters aren't supposed to be on the road, and vehicles aren't supposed to block the road. These are members of, or people who hunt with, Quentin Tower Hunting Club (Daniel Wall, Jr., president).



Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 11/26/2015

County: Franklin

Location: Homochitto National Forest and private land

of dogs:

What did the dogs do?

What happened to the dogs?

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do? Dumped offal

Incident narrative: Dog-deer hunters dumped three deer carcasses on Quentin Tower Road South just south of the bridge.



Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 11/26/2015

County: Franklin

Location: Homochitto National Forest and private land

of dogs: 6

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Did not catch

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do? Trespassed.

Incident narrative: I witnessed the dogs running on my land for over an hour. I used a four wheeler to cut and turn the dogs off my land. I reported the incident to the MDWFP.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 11/27/2015

County: Franklin

Location: Quentin, FR 111A

of dogs:

What did the dogs do?

What happened to the dogs?

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do? Other. Operated UTV on road.

Incident narrative: At about 2:30 PM, a camo or green two-seater UTV sped up to our driveway, probably to check to see if we were at the camp, then turned around and sped away. Driver was not wearing hunter orange, but is almost certainly a member of the Quentin Tower Hunting Club (Daniel Wall, Jr., president). There is nothing but our camp, Plum Creek timber property, and Homochitto National Forest on the entire 3-mile-long road.



Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 11/29/2015

County: Franklin

Location: Berrytown Rd.

of dogs: Numerous

What did the dogs do?

What happened to the dogs?

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do? Hunted from road. Other. Hunted on a closed road.

Incident narrative: Everyone knows that Berrytown Rd. is closed because of a washout. It is open only to local traffic. This morning on our way to church, we saw dog-deer runners lined up on the road from Hwy. 98 to Porter Creek, running both sides of the road. I guess they think since the road is closed they can use it for a stand row. We continued on to church and I called the FCSO and game warden to report the incident. The game warden returned my call and assured me he would take care of the problem.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 12/24/2015

County: Franklin

Location: Pleasant Valley Road

of dogs: 4

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Returned to owner

How many dog-deer hunters? 12

What did the hunter(s) do? Other. Catching dogs?

Incident narrative: My wife witnessed the dog-deer hunters on the road on our land. She contacted me and I went to confront them. I did confront them by asking are these dogs on private land? They told me they were there catching their dogs. I told them to catch the dogs and get off my land. I also told them I was pulling up into the church yard to watch them. If they didn't catch the dogs immediately that I would call the police. One of the hunters popped off and told me that they would not turn their dogs loose on private property. I told him you already have. The land behind you is private and the land in front of you is private.

As fate would have it a sheriff deputy happen to drive through. They scattered like a bunch of roaches.

They did catch the dogs and moved on.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 12/24/2015

County: Franklin

Location: Scott-Murray Rd.

of dogs:

What did the dogs do?

What happened to the dogs?

How many dog-deer hunters? not known

What did the hunter(s) do? Other. Driving dangerously, faster than the road conditions allow.

Incident narrative: When I was driving to check on the deer dogs trespassing on our property that my wife informed me of, I was passed by several trucks going too fast. I don't have a radar gun but I passed a truck that was driving at least 60 mph. I also passed two more trucks that were driving fast, but not as fast as the first truck.

All trucks were full of dog hunters.

When I returned home through the forest, the access road to my land looked like a race track. All the gravel was turned up in several areas where many trucks were spinning their tires turning and taking off.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 12/29/2015

County: Franklin

Location: central Franklin County, Pleasant Valley Rd.

of dogs: 3

What did the dogs do? Ran through property, came to house or camp.

What happened to the dogs? Other. I was unable to catch dogs but took picture of one dog and hunter picking dog up on other private property that borders my property.

How many dog-deer hunters? 1

What did the hunter(s) do? Other. Drove up and down road. Picked up dogs on private property, and falsely accused me of shooting one of their dogs.

Incident narrative: Deer dogs crossed my property on Pleasant Valley Rd chasing deer while my brother and I were still-hunting. The dogs then came into my front yard but I was unable to catch them. They continued to run around my property until they jumped a doe with 2 yearlings. There was a dog-deer hunter driving up and down the road, but when I tried to talk to him, he just sped by me without stopping. I followed him up up Miller Branch Rd where he picked dog up on private property. I stopped to call 1800BESMART when a dog-deer hunter came asking if I had shot his dog!!!!!! When the MDWFP, HNF, and FCSO officers arrived, the dog-deer hunters FALSELY accused me of shooting their dog. I filed a report with the HNF Enforcement Officer. NO CITATIONS were issued!

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 12/29/2015

County: Franklin

Location: Gloster Rd.

of dogs: 2

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Did not catch

How many dog-deer hunters? 1

What did the hunter(s) do? Made verbal threats, were verbally abusive. Tried to retrieve dogs from our property. He was careful to stay on the right of way and call for them. (He said they were not his dogs)

Incident narrative: A dog-deer hunter had been sent by someone in the hunting club who knew there was already a problem involving the hunting dogs and landowners at this place. This hunter's attitude of entitlement to use other people's land was caught on video. When confronted, the man (who was well known to the game warden) told us it was our fault for owning property in the HNF! My family has lived here even before there was a HNF! He felt he was entitled to run his dogs across us because "you know you can't control where a deer runs". He said his group had released 8 miles from here, but I doubt that. There were accusations about our killing dogs, but nobody I know would ever do such a thing. My cousin is afraid they will find a dog dead and harm her cows. There are cows and goats here. I think he knew his dogs were disturbing people and animals. The attitude of these thugs is hard to capture on paper but I have a video and it speaks volumes.

Video of incident: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j7BPmCGy0Go>

Transcript on page 53 in the Appendix.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 12/29/2015

County: Franklin

Location: Quentin, FR 111A

of dogs: 1

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Got picture on game camera

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Dog appeared to be running without a tracking collar. Probably Quentin Tower Hunting Club since they have all the Plum Creek land on FR 111A leased.



Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/1/2016

County: Franklin

Location: Quentin, FR 111A

of dogs: 1

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Got picture on game camera

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Probably Quentin Tower Hunting Club since they have all the Plum Creek land on FR 111A leased.



Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/1/2016

County: Franklin

Location: Quentin, FR 111A

of dogs: 1

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Got picture on game camera

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Probably Quentin Tower Hunting Club since they have all the Plum Creek land on FR 111A leased.



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Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/1/2016

County: Franklin

Location: Quentin, FR 111A

of dogs: 1

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Got picture on game camera

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Probably Quentin Tower Hunting Club since they have all the Plum Creek land on FR 111A leased.



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Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/1/2016

County: Franklin

Location: Quentin, FR 111A

of dogs: 1

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Got picture on game camera

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Probably Quentin Tower Hunting Club since they have all the Plum Creek land on FR 111A leased.



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Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/2/2016

County: Franklin

Location: In a field on our farm

of dogs: 3

What did the dogs do? Ran through property, came to stand, came to house or camp.

What happened to the dogs? Returned to owner

How many dog-deer hunters? 2

What did the hunter(s) do? Trespassed.

Incident narrative: On Jan 2nd, I drove onto my property and immediately saw 3 dogs running through a field. I caught one and was bringing him off our property when I saw a truck driving up my road on my property. The driver saw me and started backing his truck off my property and through my gate which was marked with a NO TRESPASSING sign. The gate was open because I only planned on being on my property about 30 minutes since it was around noon. I drove through my gate and asked him if he saw the sign on my gate and he said he was trying to find his dogs based on his GPS. I told him this was private property and he said he couldn't help if his dog came onto my property.

He said his name was Blaine and he was from Hammond, around 20 yrs old. He denied the dog was his and then another truck pulled up with a 50-60 y/o heavy-set man named Mr. Averett. He denied the dog was his but said it was his best friend's dog so I gave him the dog and told him if it happened again I would turn him in to the Game Warden.

I left amicably and went back to my property where I saw two other dogs but couldn't catch them. One was under a stand. When I left my land, the man was gone.

The week prior my dad, also on Bunkley Road, found our dogs barking at a hunting dog in our garage. While he was securing the hunting dog, two men walked into our yard and claimed the dog. My dad gave the dog to them and they left with a warning regarding private property. When a visitor came to our house several hours later, he got 3 flat tires from roofing tacks placed in our driveway. My dad notified the sheriff at that time.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/3/2016

County: Franklin

Location: Quentin, FR 111A

of dogs: 1

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Got picture on game camera

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Probably Quentin Tower Hunting Club since they have all the Plum Creek land on FR 111A leased.



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Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/3/2016

County: Franklin

Location: Quentin, FR 111A

of dogs: 1

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Got picture on game camera

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Probably Quentin Tower Hunting Club since they have all the Plum Creek land on FR 111A leased. Caught her but she pulled away before rope could be secured to her collar.



Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/3/2016

County: Franklin

Location: Quentin, FR 111A

of dogs:

What did the dogs do?

What happened to the dogs?

How many dog-deer hunters? at least 4

What did the hunter(s) do? Blocked road.

Incident narrative: Quentin Tower Hunting Club members stopped on road, standing in road, blocking road.



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Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/4/2016

County: Franklin

Location: Quentin, FR 111A

of dogs: 1

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Got picture on game camera

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Probably Quentin Tower Hunting Club since they have all the Plum Creek land on FR 111A leased. Dog was picked up around 7 PM by truck on FR 111A. (Photo on the right is from a cell camera so the time is correct. The time on the Bushnell is obviously a couple of minutes off.)



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Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/4/2016

County: Franklin

Location: Quentin, FR 111A

of dogs: 2

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Got picture on game camera

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Probably Quentin Tower Hunting Club since they have all the Plum Creek land on FR 111A leased. Pair of dogs was picked up around 9:30 PM by truck on FR 111A.



Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/5/2016

County: Franklin

Location: Quentin, FR 111A

of dogs: 1

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Got picture on game camera

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Probably Quentin Tower Hunting Club since they have all the Plum Creek land on FR 111A leased. Well-fed female Beagle spent about 45 minutes ambling around the property, especially the buildings.



Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/6/2016

County: Franklin

Location: Quentin, FR 111A

of dogs: 1

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Got picture on game camera

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Probably Quentin Tower Hunting Club since they have all the Plum Creek land on FR 111A leased. This dog was actually following a deer, although not very effectively.



Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/14/2016

County: Franklin

Location: Quentin, FR 111A

of dogs: 1

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Got picture on game camera

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Probably Quentin Tower Hunting Club since they have all the Plum Creek land on FR 111A leased.



Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/16/2016

County: Franklin

Location: Private property inside HNF

of dogs: one

What did the dogs do? Ran through property, came to stand.

What happened to the dogs? Got picture on game camera Can only catch about 1 of 10 that come through property, some caught on cameras but not always.

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Deer dog caught on camera in green field at approximately 2:30 PM, before I went out to hunt that particular field. Had to change my plans due to dog activity on my property. Private property rights trumped by dog and dog hunter activity. I also had 4 recent times in late December, early January that dogs came onto property and I was unable to catch them.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/24/2016

County: Franklin

Location: On Gloster Rd.

of dogs:

What did the dogs do?

What happened to the dogs?

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do? Dumped trash, offal, etc.

Incident narrative: We found multiple carcasses dumped at the site of an altercation between landowners and a dog-deer hunter on Dec. 29, 2015. The carcasses were a little way down an embankment almost out of sight. It has been freezing this week so the buzzards hadn't found them yet. Game wardens came and made notes. The outlaws threw out the big gray container and all.



Hancock

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/12/2015

County: Hancock

Location: Leetown

of dogs: multiple

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Returned to owner

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Trapper caught a deer dog belonging to Clinton Saucier in a coyote trap and returned to owner. The dog had been released on McNeil Steephollow Road, over 5 miles away. Dogs from the Bull and Hickory Creek Club were on my property all afternoon; the hunters were on Caesar Necaise Rd and Rd 221 with their antennae.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/13/2015

County: Hancock

Location: Leetown

of dogs: 1

What did the dogs do?

What happened to the dogs? Returned to owner

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Trapper caught a deer dog belonging to O.V. Ladner (Bull and Hickory Creek Club) in a coyote trap.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 11/27/2015

County: Hancock

Location: Leetown

of dogs: 3

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Returned to owner

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: 3 dogs running through property. Caught one belonging to Kelly Necaise.
Tied up outside gate

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 11/29/2015

County: Hancock

Location: Leetown

of dogs:

What did the dogs do?

What happened to the dogs?

How many dog-deer hunters? one

What did the hunter(s) do? Other.

Incident narrative: While I was at church, I got a voice mail that dog hunter was at my gate with his antenna pointing toward my property. He was gone when I got there about 45 minutes later.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 12/26/2015

County: Hancock

Location: Leetown

of dogs: multiple

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Did not catch

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Dogs were noisily on the chase on the southern end of my property. Disturbed our lunch while we had kids home for the Christmas holidays

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 12/29/2015

County: Hancock

Location: Leetown

of dogs: multiple

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Did not catch

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Dogs were noisily on the chase on the H.C. tract. One of our still hunters caught a dog belonging to Austin Henly, but he let the dog go.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 12/31/2015

County: Hancock

Location: Leetown

of dogs: multiple

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Did not catch

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Deer dogs were noisily on the chase on my property all evening, and were directly behind my house at bedtime. They were still on the property in the morning when I left to go to church. The fact that they were on the property all night disturbed my dogs, causing them to bark periodically, which made for a fitful night's sleep for us.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/3/2016

County: Hancock

Location: Leetown

of dogs: multiple

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Did not catch

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Deer dogs belonging to Kelly and Trent Necaise chased through my property onto Judd Brooks' property.

Perry

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 9/19/2015

County: Perry

Location: Perry County/Richton area

of dogs:

What did the dogs do?

What happened to the dogs?

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do? Damaged property (cut fences, burned field, etc.)

Incident narrative: While we were doing prep work on our lease Saturday, we noted that we were being observed by one of the local dog-deer hunters. Part of our work included installing a gate in a location not previously gated. Sunday morning, we found that that gate had been crushed as if a large vehicle had been driven over it. Another still hunting club just down the road, that just recently took over the lease that the dog-deer hunters had lost as a result of complaints against them, had two of their gates stolen at the same time.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 10/8/2015

County: Perry

Location: Richton

of dogs:

What did the dogs do?

What happened to the dogs?

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do? Trespassed, damaged property (cut fences, burned field, etc.)

Incident narrative: Recently we have been working on our lease, getting ready for the season. Since early September, we, our neighboring still-hunting club, and local land owners have had at least 2 gates stolen, 6 destroyed in place, and within the last week or so, another attempt was made to burn our land. According to a local source, the president of the dog-deer hunting club, with whom we have been waging a running battle, has been bragging around town that he was responsible. We have contacted the Perry County S.O., and I have personally sat down with the sheriff to discuss this ongoing problem, and while he seems sympathetic, he cannot act without evidence. We have also received support from Jackson County Sheriff Mike Ezell, whose family lives in the area and have been victimized by the outlaws, as well.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 11/7/2015

County: Perry

Location: Richton

of dogs:

What did the dogs do?

What happened to the dogs?

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do? Dumped trash, offal, etc.; trespassed, other.

Incident narrative: This past weekend, I checked our lease, and another camera had been stolen. In addition, we have evidence of them trespassing onto our land in other areas, including the president of the dog-deer hunting club. We also found the carcasses of two fawns at one of our gates.

Stone

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 11/22/2015

County: Stone

Location: Golden Pines Cattle Ranch, Perkinston, MS

of dogs: Several dogs, caught 1

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Returned to owner

How many dog-deer hunters? About 20

What did the hunter(s) do? Blocked road.

Incident narrative: Had confrontation with hunters that were blocking road inside my property



Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 11/23/2015

County: Stone

Location: Golden Pines Cattle Ranch, Perkinston, MS

of dogs: 3

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Did not catch

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: 3 deer dogs ran through my property at 9:00 AM. Was unable to catch.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 11/26/2015

County: Stone

Location: Golden Pines Cattle Ranch, Perkinston, MS

of dogs: 1

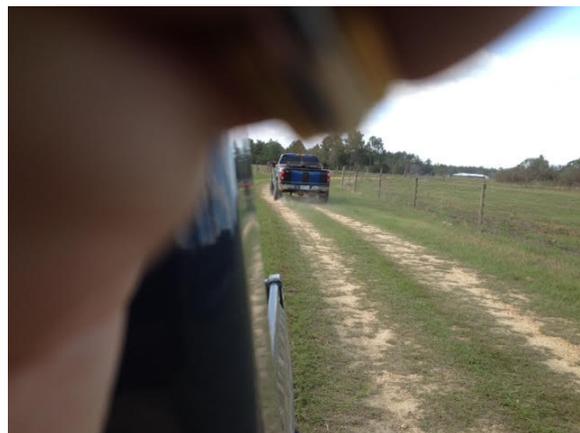
What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Returned to owner

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative: Caught deer dog running through my property where newborn calves were located.



Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 12/1/2015

County: Stone

Location: Golden Pines Cattle Ranch, Perkinston, MS

of dogs: 2

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Returned to owner

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do?

Incident narrative:



Tishomingo

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/13/2016

County: Tishomingo

Location: junction of county road 1 and county road 2

of dogs:

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Returned to owner

How many dog-deer hunters? multiple

What did the hunter(s) do? Hunted from road, trespassed, other. The deer that the dogs were trailing was a young (illegal) buck. It was a 1.5-year-old 4-point buck.

Incident narrative: My nephew was hunting on my land with my permission. He had left work and was going to try to see a large mature deer which we have been tracking. He was in the stand less than 30 minutes when he heard shots ring out along county road 2. A few moments later, a young 4-point buck ran by dragging one of his front legs. He had blood on his shoulder and was panting heavily as he ran by.

There were at least 2 dogs behind the deer. One of the dogs was caught and the tag on the dog collar said Scott Caldwell of Belmont, MS. The dog was returned to the hunting club (not to Scott Caldwell) and no incident report was filed despite it being an obviously illegal buck. My nephew was trying to stay out of the problems we have been having there due to previous threats against him from the hunting club.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/14/2016

County: Tishomingo

Location: Junction of county road 1 and county road 2

of dogs: 3

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Did not catch

How many dog-deer hunters? no direct encounter. There were multiple hunters

What did the hunter(s) do? Hunted from road.

Incident narrative: I was alerted by a friend on adjacent hunting club that hunters were lined up along county road 2 in Tishomingo county. The dogs got across the road onto my land with no attempt to catch the dogs. There were plenty of hunters there where the deer crossed the road, but no attempt was made to keep the dogs off my land. Deer made a short circle through my land and then came back out across the road where shots were heard. It was unknown if the deer was in the road when the hunters shot the deer, but it is strongly suspected. No incident report was filed with the MDWFP because nothing was directly seen that was in violation of state law.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 1/30/2016

County: Tishomingo

Location: junction of county road 1 and county road 2

of dogs:

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Did not catch

How many dog-deer hunters? multiple

What did the hunter(s) do? Hunted from road, trespassed, other. Released dogs on my property

Incident narrative: I was hunting in a stand when I heard a truck pull up and stop. I could tell the truck was north and west of my location along county road 2. It had to have stopped on either my land or my neighbor's land, where deer dogs are not welcome, either. I heard dogs begin to bark and the truck sped off.

I left my stand to check on the situation but before I could get to my truck, I heard shots. It was only a few minutes after the dogs had been released. They must have seen a deer and turned their dogs loose on it for the race to pick up so quickly.

I confronted a club member about it who denied they had released dogs on my land. He told me where the area the dogs were released which was to the north and east of me and farther away than I should be able to hear from the position I was hunting. There was no report filed with the MDWFP because I had no evidence of illegal activity.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 12/31/2016

County: Tishomingo

Location: junction of county road 1 and county road 2

of dogs: 2

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Did not catch

How many dog-deer hunters?

What did the hunter(s) do? Hunted from road.

Incident narrative: I was hunting a scrape line when 2 dogs chased an illegal buck past my stand, ruining my hunt for the remainder of the day. I could not catch the dogs, but I later heard a shot from the same race. There is no way to tell if they shot the deer I saw and I was deep in the woods. No incident report was filed with the MDWFP.

Webster

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 11/21/2015

County: Webster

Location: 5 miles north of East Webster High School

of dogs: 7

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Returned to owner

How many dog-deer hunters? 3

What did the hunter(s) do? Hunted from road.

Incident narrative: Caught one of dogs, found owner on road, while standing there, one of the guys shot a deer coming off our property in the county road.

Deer-Dog Incident Report

Incident date: 11/27/2015

County: Webster

Location: 2 miles north of East Webster High School

of dogs: not sure, probably 5-6

What did the dogs do? Ran through property.

What happened to the dogs? Did not catch

How many dog-deer hunters? 5

What did the hunter(s) do? Blocked road; hunted from road; dumped trash, offal, etc.; trespassed, made threats (verbal or written), were verbally abusive; were physically abusive.

Incident narrative: Coming back from hunting, saw hunters lined up down county road, let one guy know that we had the land his dogs were running leased. Left him and more hunters stopped me in road, cussed me out, and told me they would hunt whenever, wherever.

Appendix

Incident Involving a Dog-Deer Hunter and Landowners of Two Properties in Franklin County, MS, December 29, 2016

H: dog-deer hunter

S: Semmes

W: Winnie

N: Neighbor (gray sweats)

H	(truck door slams) ...YEARS I've been dealing with your crap up here.
S	...crap all the time.
H	Yeah, and I've been huntin' here that long.
S	You oughta buy some land...
H	(yelling) No, YOU shouldna bought land in the middle of 90,000 acres of national...
W	That's my family land and you better shut up.
S	Come on, W...., (unintelligible)
H	Don't threaten to shoot people's dogs.
W	We wouldn't hurt the dogs.
H	You JUST threatened Triple T's dogs.
N	No, HE didn't, I did.
H	Well, that's the same thing.
N	(unintelligible)
H	Ma'am, did we say we was gonna shoot any of your animals? (dogs barking in the background)
N	No, no. I told him and you... shut up and listen to me. I told him that land (pointing to the right across the road) and that land (pointing to the left on the other side of the road) belongs to us.
H	You can't shoot people's dogs.
N	Shut, shut up, shut up... I told him the first dog that got in there with my cows that I would shoot 'em.
H	Well, that ain't right. You can't shoot people's dogs.
S	Yeah, you can.
N	Yeah, I can.
H	No, you can't! They're not cow dogs, they're deer dogs, they're not gonna hurt them calves.
S	When they're messing with wildlife, with uh domestic animals, you can shoot 'em.

H	They're not messing with your cows.
N	I SAID if they got in there and was messing with them, I would shoot 'em. (over S saying the same thing in the background)
H	They ain't gonna get in there.
N	Now...now... JOHN, ever what his name is, ever who was driving Jason's truck, told me, "Your cows shouldn't be worth more than them dogs." That... that tells me that he threatened that if he found a dead dog, he would shoot my cows. (sound of W agreeing in the background)
H	Well, you shouldn't be, you should not be threatening to shoot people's dogs.
N	If he comes in that pasture...
S	(in background) threatening to shoot people's cows, either.
H	I ain't threatening to shoot no cow, I ain't said nothing about no dadgum cow.
S	John did.
N	Now you need to get your dogs.
H	I'm TRYIN' MY BEST to get the dogs. They're not even MY dogs.
N	Well, whose dogs are they? They ain't nobody claimed 'em.
S	Probably Jason's.
H	All this arguing and bickering and y'all steady harassing us 24/7 about these dogs is ridiculous.
S	That's 'cause y'all harassing us 24/7also.
H	DO YOU REALIZE WE WAS HUNTIN' 8 MILES FROM HERE?
S	Well, why'd the dog get here?
H	Because IT RUNS DEER! What do you think deer do? You think deer do? You think they just...
S	Naw...but you ought to have a place to cut 'em off so you can get 'em.
H	...run around in a circle somewhere?
S	You have no right for them to run across my property.
H	Well, we try to keep 'em off your property. You think I want to stand here and argue with you about these dogs?
S	I don't want to argue with you but I don't want to see the dogs, either.
H	Well, what are you gonna do? You're in a dadgum national forest?
N	You need to get that dog and put him in the truck right now!
H	Did you see me try to catch that dog?