**PHEASANTS FOREVER & QUAIL FOREVER**

***The Habitat Organization***

***JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT***



**Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist I or II
(4 Positions)**

**Locations: Benton, Chillicothe, Jackson, and Kahoka, Missouri**

**Application Deadline:** May 13, 2022

# Start Date: June 2022

**Overview & Job Duties:** The successful applicant will work in a joint capacity with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), Quail Forever (QF) and other partners to promote, accelerate enrollment, coordinate, and implement the conservation provisions of the Federal Farm Bill and other related wildlife conservation programs. The successful applicant must enjoy working with private landowners and have a strong desire to assist them in reaching their conservation goals. Position will be housed in a USDA Service Center. Activities will include program promotion (workshops and one-on-one meetings), contract coordination, conservation planning, conservation plan modification, site assessment and reporting. The incumbent will provide technical assistance for wildlife habitat enhancement techniques to private landowners and public organizations. He/she will meet with local chapters of Pheasants Forever (PF) and Quail Forever (QF) and other local partners to influence habitat management efforts and participate in regional and statewide habitat meetings. He/she will assist and coordinate activities and projects, including Quail Restoration Landscape development and monitoring, with other QF, MDC and NRCS staff. This position will be an employee of, and supervised by Pheasants Forever, Inc.

**Desired Knowledge. Skills and Abilities:**

* Ability to communicate clearly and effectively with landowners and partner agencies.
* Ability to work independently with little supervision and with diverse clientele.
* Knowledge of wildlife ecology, grassland, wetland, and early succession habitat management including the ability to utilize various habitat management tools in the development of management plans.
* Technical and practical knowledge of natural community management in grassland and woodland systems.
* Knowledge of conservation and wildlife habitat programs provided by federal (i.e. Farm Bill, US Fish and Wildlife Service), state, & local entities. In addition, knowledge of how these programs are implemented in an agricultural landscape is desired.
* Knowledge of or practical experience with agricultural systems and farming.
* Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
* Strong organizational skills.
* Proficiency with ArcGIS, ArcPro and USDA Conservation Desktop.
* Valid driver’s license required; some use of personal vehicle may be required (mileage reimbursement provided).
* Must be able to obtain USDA Federal Security Clearance.

**Education and Experience Preferred:** A minimum requirement for this position is a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management, Forestry, or closely related natural resources field. Proven experience working with USDA Farm Bill programs (CRP, ACEP, EQIP and CSP) is preferred.

**Starting Salary**: Commensurate with Experience, + Health Benefits and Retirement Package

**To Apply:** Visit our website at: [www.quailforever.org/jobs](http://www.quailforever.org/jobs)

ONLY ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Please include your cover letter, resume and 3 references as a single *Microsoft Word* document or PDF file on the Recruitment website.

**Contact**: Andrew White, Missouri State Coordinator, awhite@quailforever.org or 660-619-1719.

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