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The Habitat Organization

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Coordinating Wildlife Biologist – Prescribed Fire

Location: Missouri, TBD



Application Deadline: February 11, 2022

Anticipated Start Date: March 2022

Overview & Job Duties:

Quail Forever in Missouri is seeking qualified candidates for a Prescribed Fire Coordinating Wildlife Biologist position to coordinate, promote, and support the safe and effective use of prescribed fire on private and public lands throughout the State of Missouri.

The Prescribed Fire Coordinating Wildlife Biologist will work as a member of the Missouri Quail Forever Partnership Team in close coordination with key partners. The primary responsibilities of this position are prescribed fire planning, outreach, training, and coordination. This position will work closely with a wide range of individuals and resource professionals promoting the development and implementation of prescribed fire in Missouri. This position will require a self-starter with excellent communication and organizational skills and a strong work ethic. This prescribed fire partnership effort will provide an opportunity to make significant contributions to the conservation of natural resources across Missouri.

Expected Duties:

- Work with Missouri Prescribed Fire Council, Missouri Prescribed Burn Associations, Missouri Department of Conservation, and other wildlife and fire management partners (e.g., Fire Districts) to identify and deliver prescribed fire outreach and training needs.
- In consultation with private landowners, conduct site visits and assess burn units prior to burns to verify adherence to prescriptions, watch outs, and minimize risk associated with prescribed fire operations.
- Participate in and lead training burns, ensuring adherence to prescription and the safety of participants, neighbors, and the general public.
- Organize and lead trainings including webinars and in-person workshops concerning prescribed fire for training and outreach purposes.
- Coordinate the management, use, and maintenance of fire equipment for local Prescribed Burn Associations around the state and track equipment inventories.
- Write, review, and approve prescribed burn plans for private landowners and biologists.
- Communicate regularly with Missouri fire practitioners across the state to build upon the use of prescribed fire.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Ability to provide or pursue prescribed fire certifications. Preference given to holders of any combination of:
 - State: MDC Fire Management Levels 1, 2, and 3

- Federal: S-130, S-190, S-211, S-219, S-290
- Working knowledge of prescribed fire standards and practices within the state of Missouri.
- Extensive knowledge of wildlife habitat management techniques, principles, goals, and objectives including knowledge of fire, grazing and habitat restoration.
- Extensive knowledge and experience in the use and delivery of prescribed fire.
- Must work effectively with private landowners, agency and partner staff, and other conservation organizations.
- Ability to work independently with little supervision and with diverse personalities.
- Ability to accomplish goals with little supervision.
- Ability to organize, develop, and implement educational and outreach activities including workshops, seminars, and publications.
- Experience working with conservation programs.
- Strong computer skills including working knowledge of MS Word, MS Excel, ArcGIS.
- Strong coordination and communication skills, including use of social media and website management.
- Valid driver's licenses.

Education and Experience Preferred: A minimum requirement for this position is a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Ecology/Wildlife Management/Range Management or closely related natural resources field and three years of relevant experience. Wildlife Society Certification and graduate work will also be considered. Proven experience working with USDA Farm Bill programs (i.e. EQIP, CSP, ACEP, and CRP) is preferred. Fire qualifications and specific training (Red Card) highly desirable.

Starting Salary: Commensurate with Experience + Benefits

To Apply: Visit our website at: www.quailforever.org/jobs

ONLY ON-LINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Please include your **cover letter, resume and 3 references** as a single *Microsoft Word* document or PDF file before uploading to the "Resume" section of your application on the Recruitment website.

Pheasants Forever is considered a federal contractor, therefore, we must ensure all employees, regardless of work location or job duties, are fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Upon employment you will be required to provide proof that you are fully vaccinated, proof of a valid medical exemption or legitimate religious objection.

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

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