**PHEASANTS FOREVER & QUAIL FOREVER**

***The Habitat Organization***

***JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT***



**Senior Private Land Conservationist**

 **Location:** Garden City, Kansas

 **Application Deadline:** January 25th, 2021

# Anticipated Start Date: March 1st, 2021

**Overview & Job Duties:**

This position will be located within USDA Service Center and will provide conservation technical assistance and conservation program delivery to private landowners within their assigned districts and other priority areas as appropriate. In addition to supporting private land conservation technical delivery within their assigned districts, staff will also provide wildlife technical support, planning and training at the NRCS Area Level as well. The biologist will work in a joint capacity with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and other State and Federal partners to promote, accelerate enrollment, coordinate, and implement the conservation provisions of the Federal Farm Bill and other wildlife related conservation programs. Activities will include program promotion (workshops and one on one meetings), contract coordination, conservation planning, conservation plan modification, site assessment and reporting. Provide technical biological assistance for wildlife habitat enhancement techniques to private landowners and public organizations. Work with local chapters of Quail Forever (QF) and other local partners to increase habitat management efforts and participate in regional and statewide habitat meetings. Assist Kansas State Coordinator in coordinating training and conservation delivery priorities within the Kansas Pheasants Forever Staff. This position will be an employee of, and supervised by Pheasants Forever, Inc. & Quail Forever, with daily instruction and leadership provided by NRCS and QF.

**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.
* 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.
* Strong organizational skills.
* Proficiency with ArcGIS and/or USDA Toolkit or 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 or closely related natural resources field. Proven experience working with USDA Farm Bill programs (CRP, CREP, ACEP, EQIP and CSP) is preferred.

**Starting Salary**: Commensurate with Experience + Benefits

**Application Requirements**: We require a cover letter, resume and 3 references combined as a single *Microsoft Word* document or PDF file on the Recruitment website at: [www.pheasantsforever.org/jobs](http://www.pheasantsforever.org/jobs) If you have questions contact Marina Osier, Kansas State Coordinator, mosier@pheasantsforever.org

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