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Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever and Partners Hire Farm Bill Biologist to Assist Eastern MO Landowners

Ashley Johnson will serve Franklin, Warren, & Washington counties

Union, Mo – April 2, 2024 – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Missouri is excited to share that Ashley Johnson was hired for the Union, Mo., Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist position. She started her new position March 25th, 2024.

Farm Bill Wildlife Biologists on the Missouri Team are partnership positions supported by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Missouri Dept. of Conservation, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Johnson will work with private landowners in Franklin, Warren, and Washington counties helping them with wildlife management planning and securing funds to implement those plans.

"Ashley joins the team with excellent communication and education skills," said Senior Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist Haley Lockard. "Her enthusiasm for promoting conservation and local roots will serve her well in this role."

Johnson is a Missouri native who grew up in Sullivan, MO and has always enjoyed being in the outdoors. She graduated from Missouri State University Darr College of Agriculture with her Bachelor's in Wildlife Conservation and Management and Masters in Natural and Applied Science in Agriculture. Johnson has spent time as an educator with Dogwood Canyon Nature Park as well as a fisheries technician with the Missouri Department of Conservation, where much of her time was focused on the eradication of invasive aquatic plant species and participating in CWD efforts for whitetail deer. In her personal time, Johnson enjoys hunting, kayaking, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.



"Supporting wildlife and being a conservation resource for my community has always been a passion of mine" Johnson said. "I'm excited to be a part of the Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever team and am looking forward to what we can accomplish together!"



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