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### Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever Promote Haley Lockard as Farm Bill Manager in Missouri

Lockard will be the first Farm Bill Manager to serve in Missouri.

**Harrisonville, Mo – April 18, 2024** – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Missouri is excited to announce the hiring of the brand-new Farm Bill Manager in Missouri. Haley Lockard, a veteran member of the Missouri team will be serving in the first ever Farm Bill Manager position in our state. Lockard started in her new role April 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Farm Bill Manager is a partnership position made possible with funding and support from the Missouri Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Working Lands for Wildlife Initiative. Lockard will be responsible for managing the farm bill biologist team, assisting statewide leadership with NRCS Farm Bill activity, conservation program delivery, and expanding outreach to promote conservation to new customers through federal, state, and local programs.

"Since starting with the organization in 2017, Haley has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills, and her attention to detail has led to great strides being made for not only our team but the organization as a whole." said Missouri State Coordinator Andrew White. "In addition to management of our Farm Bill Biologist team in this new capacity, Haley will also



work to coordinate and host staff trainings, continue assisting with/refining reporting data capture, work with partners on a deeper level, and be the main point person for Working Lands for Wildlife efforts in the state, among other critical duties."

Lockard grew up exploring her family's farms in west central Missouri. Her passion for wildlife, hunting, and the mountains lead her west where she received her B.S in Wildlife Biology from the University of Montana. Her wildlife career started with the Missouri Department of Conservation working with the Forestry Division and Deer Program. She joined the Quail Forever Team in 2017 as the first Farm Bill Biologist in Oklahoma, then moved back home to Missouri and has served as a Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist II then as a Senior Farm Bill Wildlife



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Biologist in northeast Missouri for almost 3 years. Lockard then accepted the role of Senior Working Lands for Wildlife Farm Bill Biologist out of Harrisonville, Mo in 2022. She works with landowners, producers, and partner organizations to improve wildlife habitat on working lands.

"We have a talented and growing farm bill biologist team that is making a tremendous impact on wildlife habitat in Missouri," said Lockard. "And I'm excited for this new role and opportunity to serve our great team in an expanded capacity."

If you are interested in learning more about Haley, or have questions involving the Farm Bill Biologist program, contact Haley at <a href="mailto:hlockard@quailforever.org">hlockard@quailforever.org</a>

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