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Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever and partners hire **Outreach Coordinator in Missouri**

Kirstin Gundel will work with chapters and partners to educate the public about events, programs, habitat, and more.

Alton, Mo. - December 26, 2023 - Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Missouri is excited to share that Kirstin Gundel was hired to serve as the Outreach and Education Coordinator. She started in her new position on December 18th, 2023.

The Outreach Coordinator position for the Missouri team is a partnership position supported by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Missouri Dept. of Conservation. Gundel will oversee outreach efforts in Missouri, work with chapters to provide assistance with upcoming events, work with state and federal partners to increase awareness of technical and financial assistance programs for landowners, and work with MOPFQF staff and chapters to coordinate, promote, and deliver partnership education and outreach events.

"We are very excited for Kirstin to join the Quail Forever in Missouri Team," said Missouri State Coordinator Andrew White. "Her prior experience as a biologist assisting landowners and her deep passion for connecting with Missourians to share programs available to them will benefit her greatly in this role."



Gundel is a Missouri native who grew up working on her family's cattle and crop operation in Barton County. Her family was heavily involved in hunting and fishing which led to her passion for the outdoors and conservation. This passion drove her to pursue a B.S. in Field Biology with an emphasis in Environmental Science from Pittsburgh State University. During her professional career, she has held positions with DNR and MDC, and has spent the last two and a half years as a Soil Conservation Technician with NRCS. Her experience has helped further her understanding of conservation and land management, and she enjoys helping landowners accomplish their land management goals. In her spare time, Kirstin enjoys hunting, fishing, kayaking, hiking, and being outdoors with her husband and daughter.



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"I am very excited to join the team at PFQF," said Gundel. "I have always admired the work they do during my time working with various conservation partners. I am looking forward to working with everyone here to promote conservation efforts throughout the state."

If you are interested in learning more about Kirstin, or have any questions involving education and outreach programs, contact Kirstin Gundel at kgundel@pheasantsforever.org or (573) 466-2415.

About Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever

Pheasants Forever, including its quail conservation division — Quail Forever — make up the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. This community of more than 400,000 members, supporters and partners is dedicated to the protection of our uplands through habitat improvement, public access, education, and advocacy. A network of 754 local chapters spread across North America determine how 100 percent of their locally raised funds are spent — the only national conservation organization that operates through this grassroots structure. Since creation in 1982, Pheasants Forever has donated more than \$1 billion to 575,000 habitat projects benefiting 24 million acres. Visit the Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever in Missouri website or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.