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New Habitat Specialist Crew member hired by Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever in Missouri

The habitat specialist crew will conduct habitat management work with an emphasis on prescribed fire on cooperating lands.

Gray Summit, Mo. – January 10, 2023 – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever are excited to announce the hiring of Jacob Netzel as the new Habitat Specialist Crew Member in Missouri.

The Habitat Specialist Crew Member positions are part of a unique partnership between the Missouri Department of Conservation, Shaw Nature Reserve, and Quail Forever, and are supported by generous donations from Nestlé Purina, Steve and Jeanne Maritz, and Roeslein Alternative Energy. Netzel started his new role on January 2, 2024. In his new role, Netzel will be a member of the habitat specialist crew and work with partners to coordinate and conduct wildlife habitat management practices on cooperating lands, with an emphasis on the application of prescribed fire.



“Jacob has an extensive background in wildlife field research which will add new perspectives to the habitat crew,” said Habitat Specialist Crew Lead Dylan Jacobs. “His eagerness to merge his research background with habitat management in practice is sure to be a win for the crew.”

As an Ohio native, Jacob has been passionate about midwestern habitats all his life. He started off his career at The Ohio State University with an undergraduate in Natural Resources Management, with a following two years’ experience across the eastern United States; focusing mainly on species protection and management and building a skillset he hopes will be useful to PFQF. When not working, he spends his time drawing, reading, and hiking outdoors.



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“Having the opportunity to work with Pheasants Forever, especially on habitat management and restoration has been a goal of mine since my undergraduate,” said Netzel. “I am very excited to return to Missouri and explore this state’s wonderful natural areas.”

If you have questions about the habitat specialist crew in Missouri, contact crew leader Dylan Jacobs at djacobs@quailforever.org or 419-346-3139.

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[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 25 million acres. Visit the [Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever in Missouri website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).