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Habitat Organization Launches Habitat Specialist Crew with Emphasis on Prescribed Fire

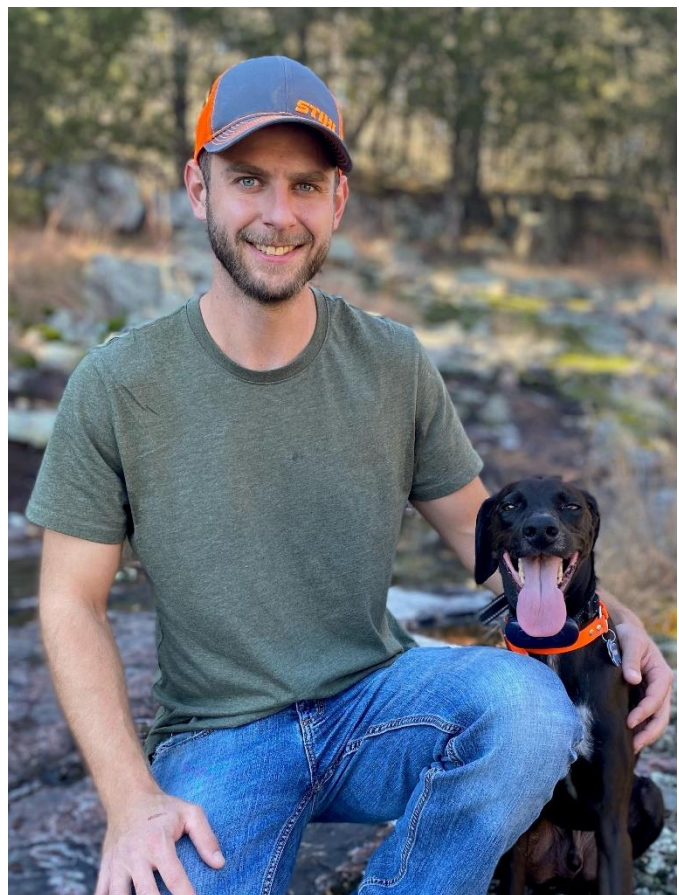
Dylan Jacobs will lead a Habitat Specialist team to conduct habitat work on cooperating lands in east-central Missouri

GRAY SUMMIT, Mo. – December 20, 2021 – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever are excited to announce the hiring of Dylan Jacobs to the brand-new habitat specialist crew lead position in Missouri. This position is part of a unique partnership between the Missouri Department of Conservation, Shaw Nature Reserve and Quail Forever, and is supported by generous donations from Nestlé Purina, Steve and Jeanne Maritz, and Roeslein Alternative Energy. Jacobs started his new position on December 6.

In his new role, Jacobs will lead the habitat specialist crew and work with partners to coordinate and conduct wildlife habitat management practices, with an emphasis on the application of prescribed fire.

“Dylan brings a wealth of knowledge and extensive experience with prescribed fire to the team,” said Andrew White, the Missouri state coordinator for Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever. “He’s a valuable addition to the Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever team in Missouri and we’re excited to see the positive impact Dylan and the habitat specialist program will have on the landscape. He and his crew will be blazing the trail for Missouri habitat teams in the future.”

Jacobs is eager to serve as the lead for the newly established habitat specialist crew to enhance habitat and sustain a healthy environment on priority geographies in Gray Summit and the surrounding areas.





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“I’m excited to be working with “The Habitat Organization” and to have the opportunity to lead the first habitat specialist crew within the state,” Jacobs said. “There’s a great deal of potential for restoring quality habitat in this region, through the application of prescribed fire, and I look forward to advancing restoration on both public and private lands.”

Jacobs was raised in Grand Rapids, Ohio where he was usually found outdoors exploring everything nature had to offer. He graduated from Bowling Green State University with a B.S. in Biology and started his career with The Nature Conservancy in Ohio. It was there he was introduced to prescribed fire and discovered his calling. Following this passion, Jacobs spent time with the Arkansas and North Carolina chapters of The Nature Conservancy where he worked on and led seasonal burn crews as well as implemented various restoration practices. In his spare time, Dylan enjoys gardening, woodworking, and hiking with his dog Waldo. He looks forward to working with the Missouri team and hopes to cultivate a stronger prescribed burn culture in the Show Me State.

If you have questions or want to learn more about the Habitat Specialist Crew in Missouri, contact Jacobs at djacobs@quailforever.org or 419-346-3139.

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