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Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever and partners hire Wildlife Biologist to help Moberly area landowners

Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist takes on new, expanded responsibilities

MOBERLY, Mo. – August 10, 2020 – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Missouri is proud to announce the team’s own Courtney Nicks was hired for the Moberly, Mo., Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist II position. She started her new position Aug. 3.

The 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. Courtney will work with private landowners in Randolph, Macon, and Chariton counties helping them with wildlife management planning and securing funds to help implement those plans.

The move brings several new responsibilities, namely a lead role in promoting the Missouri Department of Conservation’s Missouri Outdoors Recreational Access Program (MRAP) and coverage of counties that include a Quail Restoration Landscape.



“Courtney’s excellent performance, solid work ethic and drive to make a difference made this an easy move that I am sure will grow our impact,” said Missouri State Coordinator Casey Bergthold. “Her people skills and desire to build relationships in the community will serve her well in this location.”



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Courtney earned a B.S. in Wildlife Management and Conservation from Humboldt State University before pursuing an M.S. in Biology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She joined the Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever team in January 2018 as a Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist and worked out of the Shelbyville, Mo., USDA office. In her new role, she will be serving Randolph, Chariton and Macon counties from the USDA office located in Moberly, Mo.

"I'm incredibly excited to serve as the Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist in this new area," Nicks said. "Not only will I be working with great people and partners, but I will have the opportunity to work within a Quail Restoration Landscape and help drive improved wildlife management to new parts of the state."

If you are interested in learning how to establish high quality wildlife habitat on your property or incorporate habitat on your working lands, contact Courtney at cnicks@quailforever.org or 660-263-1169, ext. 3.

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