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# Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever promote Courtney Nicks to Senior Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist

Nicks will take on expanded responsibilities in this leadership role

MOBERLY, Mo. – August 16, 2022 – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Missouri is excited to announce the team's own Courtney Nicks was promoted to a Senior Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist position. She started her new role Aug. 1.

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. Nicks, stationed in Moberly, Mo., will continue to work with private landowners in Randolph, Macon, and Chariton counties helping them with wildlife

management planning and she will now serve as the lead for the northern Missouri Farm Bill Wildlife Biologists.

"Courtney's excellent performance, solid work ethic, and drive to make a difference will help further our growth and impact across the state," said Missouri State Coordinator Andrew White. "Her people skills and desire to build relationships and inspire others will serve her well in this leadership position."

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 August 2020 she began working in USDA office located in Moberly, Mo.





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"I'm incredibly excited to serve as a Senior Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist," Nicks said. "Not only will I continue to work with great landowners and partners, but I will have the opportunity to work more closely with our incredible Quail Forever staff as we reach new heights." 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 <a href="mailto:cnicks@quailforever.org">cnicks@quailforever.org</a> or 660-263-1169, ext. 3.

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<u>Pheasants Forever</u>, including its quail conservation division — <u>Quail Forever</u> — is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever have more than 130,000 members and 750 local chapters across the United States and Canada. Since creation in 1982, Pheasants Forever has spent over \$1 billion on 567,500 habitat projects benefiting more than 22 million acres nationwide. Visit the <u>Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever in Missouri website</u> or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.

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