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## NEWS RELEASE

### Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever Promote Dylan Jacobs as Habitat Restoration Manager in Missouri

Jacobs will be the first Habitat Restoration Manager to serve in Missouri

**Gray Summit, Mo – November 18, 2024**—Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Missouri are excited to announce the hiring of the brand-new Habitat Restoration Manager in Missouri. Dylan Jacobs, a veteran member of the Missouri team, will serve as our state's first-ever Habitat Restoration Manager. Jacobs started in his new role on October 21.

The Habitat Restoration Manager is a partnership position made possible with funding from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Drake University, the Missouri Prairie Foundation (MPF), and other partners. This position is supported by generous donations from Nestlé Purina, Steve and Jeanne Maritz, and Roeslein Alternative Energy. Jacobs will assist state-wide leadership by overseeing habitat crews and habitat restoration efforts in designated areas. He will provide guidance and leadership to promote implementing high-quality practices on private and public lands.

"Dylan joined the Missouri QF team in December 2021, bringing with him a substantial amount of experience and expertise in habitat management from his time working with TNC. His leadership and strategic coordination of habitat crews throughout his career have resulted in significant successes in conserving our state's natural resources while working for QF," said Missouri State Coordinator Andrew White.



Jacobs grew up in Northwest 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 that 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 and implemented various restoration practices. He then joined the Missouri Quail Forever Team in December of 2021 as the first Habitat Specialist Crew Lead, where he led a team that works with landowners and various partner agencies to implement boots-on-the-ground habitat restoration.

"With several new Habitat Crews starting up across the state, Quail Forever is positioned to make a big difference on the Missouri landscape," said Jacobs. "I am honored and excited for this opportunity to lead and grow our Habitat Program."

If you are interested in learning more about Dylan or the Habitat crews across the state, contact Dylan at [djacobs@pheasantsforever.org](mailto:djacobs@pheasantsforever.org)

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