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## New Habitat Specialist Crew Members hired to the Missouri River Hills Habitat Crew by Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever in Missouri

The habitat specialist crew conducts habitat management work, emphasizing prescribed fire on cooperating lands.

Williamsburg, MO – September 4, 2025 – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever are excited to announce the hiring of Kyle Rolfes and Trevor Crisp as the new Habitat Specialist Crew Members for the Missouri River Hills Habitat Crew.

The Missouri River Hills Crew is the result of a unique collaboration between the Missouri Department of Conservation, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Missouri, and the Missouri Botanical Gardens - Shaw Nature Reserve. In their new position, they will work as part of the crew and collaborate with partners to organize and implement practices for managing wildlife habitats on cooperating lands, with a focus on prescribed fire.





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"Kyle and Trevor have been a great addition to the team. They both have shown adequate skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm for benefiting the landscape. Their work ethic and determination to become the best habitat manager possible has been at a forefront by learning plant identification, becoming more proficient with chainsaws, and completing our first burn as a team. Their personalities coincide with the rest of the team members. Kyle has shown his passion for native plant ID and has been an adequate resource for picking seeds. Trevor has shown his interest in learning more about chainsaw operations to become the best sawyer he can be," said Missouri River Hills Crew Leader, Kyle McCully

Kyle is originally from Kirkwood, MO, and has lived in Columbia for the last 8 years. He originally went to Columbia College, where he received a bachelor's in accounting, before switching careers into Natural Resources. Kyle previously worked for a dendrochronology lab in the University of Missouri and was also an arborist/horticulturalist before coming to QF. He is in his final semester of his master's degree in Habitat Management and Restoration Ecology.

"I am extremely excited to be back outside doing stewardship work for both public and private land!"

Trevor holds a bachelor's degree in Natural Resources from Missouri State University, which he earned in 2019. He currently lives in Fulton, Missouri, and has a strong passion for habitat management and the outdoors.

"I am very excited about the opportunity this position presents to explore diverse properties across the state and to expand my knowledge of the best practices in habitat management," said Trevor

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

## **About Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever**

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever make up the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. This community of more than 420,000 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 its creation in 1982, the organization has dedicated more than \$1 billion to 580,000 habitat projects benefiting 26.5 million acres.