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New Staff Joins MO PFQF Habitat Specialist Crew

The crew works with partners to conduct habitat management with an emphasis on prescribed fire on cooperating lands in east-central MO

GRAY SUMMIT, Mo. – March 9, 2023 – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever are excited to announce the hiring of Phoebe Ellis to our habitat specialist crew in Missouri. The Habitat Specialist Crew is part of a unique partnership between the Missouri Dept. 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.

In her new role, Ellis will be a member of the habitat specialist crew and work with partners to conduct wildlife habitat management practices on cooperating lands, with an emphasis on prescribed fire. Ellis started on March 6. She is eager to work on the crew to enhance habitat and sustain a healthy environment on priority geographies in Gray Summit and the surrounding area.

“Phoebe brings a variety of experiences in habitat management to the crew,” said Dylan Jacobs, Missouri habitat specialist crew lead for Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever. “Bringing Phoebe on as a new crew member comes at a valuable time as we enter our spring prescribed fire season. I am excited to see what we can accomplish to improve habitat in Missouri with her, the rest of the crew, and with our collaborating partners!”



Ellis first discovered her passion for all things conservation through her time with AmeriCorps NCCC, and continued with AmeriCorps St. Louis, completing a variety of land management responsibilities. This newfound passion has catapulted her into exploring her conservation interests further. Some of her favorite past conservation work includes glade restoration, trail building and invasive species management. Originally from St Paul, MN, Ellis has traveled across the nation, and back again. In recent history she has completed a 4 1/2-month road trip visiting over 25 national parks, forests and recreation sites.

“I am excited to join the habitat specialist crew and the Missouri team,” Ellis said. “I see this as an opportunity to learn, grow and further enjoy the outdoors!”



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

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