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New Habitat Specialist Crew Member hired by Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever in Missouri

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

Gray Summit, Mo. – August 19, 2024 – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever are excited to announce the hiring of Bennett Peterson as the new Habitat Specialist Crew Member in Missouri.

The Habitat Specialist Crew Member positions are part of a unique partnership between the Missouri Department of Conservation, Shaw Nature Reserve, and Quail Forever. They are supported by generous donations from Nestlé Purina, Steve and Jeanne Maritz, and Roeslein Alternative Energy. Peterson joined the Habitat Organization on July 29th. In his new position, he will work as part of the crew and collaborate with partners to organize and implement practices for managing wildlife habitats on cooperating lands, focusing on the use of prescribed fire.

“We are happy to have Bennett join our team, bringing with him a wide range of outdoor skills and a vast practical background,” says Habitat Crew Leader, Dylan Jacobs. “His genuine excitement and eagerness to do good work on the landscape will be a huge asset to the team.”

Ben was raised in Missouri, where he developed a passion for the outdoors at a young age. This passion has led him to pursue a career in conservation while working toward completing a bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management. In his free time, Ben enjoys fly fishing, hunting, backpacking, and any activity that gets him out into nature.



“I am thrilled to be a member of the Quail Forever team and cannot wait to begin restoring and conserving our state's habitat!” said Peterson

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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