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Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever Launch New Tri-State Mining District Habitat Crew in Southwest Missouri

The crew will restore and manage habitat on former mining lands within the Shoal Creek Watershed.

Neosho, Mo. – March 2nd, 2026 – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever are excited to announce the creation of the Tri-State Mining District Habitat crew. The crew consists of one Habitat Crew Leader, Caleb Cahill (second from the left), and four members (left to right: Preston Price, Trevor Burrows, Zach Roalf, and Kim Cox).



The new Tri-State Mining District Habitat Crew is the result of a unique collaboration between the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Missouri. Based in Neosho, the team will focus on habitat management and restoration of former mining land within the Shoal Creek Watershed. The habitat specialist team will collaborate with partners to plan and implement wildlife habitat management practices, with an emphasis on prescribed fire.

“The Tri-State Mining District Crew has hit the ground running, having already completed several projects with partners, including the Missouri Prairie Foundation and Webb City Parks. This crew will be a huge asset to the surrounding area as they continue to improve habitat on former mining sites while also assisting their numerous partners,” said Habitat Restoration Manager Dylan Jacobs.



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The team comes from various areas of the United States, all sharing a passion for outdoor recreation and conservation. They bring extensive professional backgrounds, having worked for federal and state agencies, research operations, and nonprofit organizations in various capacities; one member served in the Marine Corps. The crew's education and hands-on experience in habitat management combine academic knowledge with real-world application. Not only do they offer extensive expertise in habitat management, but the team also works well together, executing prescribed burns and learning from one another each day.

“I am incredibly excited to lead this dynamic, hardworking new crew. Together, we have a unique opportunity to work across public and private lands, EPA restoration areas, and along the Shoal Creek Waterway, while building strong relationships and partnerships with MDC, the Missouri Prairie Foundation, the City of Webb City, and many others to advance the outstanding conservation efforts already underway,” says Habitat Crew Lead Caleb Cahill. “The dedication and commitment this team has demonstrated have been remarkable, and their work is already making a lasting impact. I look forward to the meaningful progress we will continue to push toward better conservation, habitat, and wildlife here in Southwest Missouri.”

If you have questions or want to learn more about the Tri-State Mining District Habitat Crew, contact Caleb Cahill at ccahill@pheasantsforever.org.

About Pheasants Forever and 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 500,000 members, supporters and partners is dedicated to the protection of our uplands through habitat improvement, public access, education and advocacy. A network of 760 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 585,000 habitat projects benefiting 31 million acres.