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Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever Hire Wes Buchheit as Prescribed Fire Coordinating Biologist in Missouri

Buchheit will be the first Prescribed Fire Coordinating Wildlife Biologist to serve in Missouri

PERRYVILLE, Mo. – March 16, 2022 – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Missouri is excited to announce the hiring of a brand-new Coordinating Wildlife Biologist. Wes Buchheit, veteran member of the Missouri team, will be serving in the first ever Prescribed Fire Coordinating Wildlife Biologist position in our state. Buchheit started his new role on March 14.

The Prescribed Fire Coordinating Wildlife Biologist is a partnership position made possible with funding from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Missouri Prescribed Burn Associations, Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever, and private donations from Nestlé Purina, Steve and Jeanne Maritz, and Roeslein Alternative Energy and supported by the Missouri Dept. of Conservation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service. Buchheit, stationed in Perryville, Mo., will be responsible for prescribed fire planning, outreach, training, and coordination in Missouri and will work closely with the Missouri Prescribed Fire Council, Missouri PBAs, and a wide range of individuals and resource professionals promoting the development and implementation of prescribed fire in Missouri.



“Wes has immense knowledge about and experience with prescribed fire, making him well-equipped to have a positive impact on prescribed fire implementation in Missouri,” said Missouri State Coordinator Andrew White. “He will have the opportunity to work with partners to make significant contributions to habitat conservation across Missouri!”

Buchheit earned his B.S in Biology from Southeast Missouri State University and M.S. in Natural Resources, Fisheries & Wildlife from the University of Missouri. He comes into this position with over five years’ experience providing technical service to landowners, four of



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which have been with “The Habitat Organization” and two serving as the lead for the southern Missouri team members. Buchheit also served two years as the Missouri Prescribed Fire Council Vice-chair and is about to complete the two-year term he is serving as the Chair. He resides in Perryville, MO with his wife, Lauren, and son, Leo. They enjoy spending time outdoors camping, hunting, and completing habitat projects on the family farm.

“I am grateful and excited about this opportunity to work with partners to increase the capacity for prescribed fire across the state,” said Buchheit. “Missouri is known as a leader in conservation, and it is time to grow our prescribed fire culture to support these great conservation efforts and improve habitat.”

If you are interested in learning more about our Prescribed Fire Coordinating Wildlife Biologist position or using prescribed fire on your property, contact Wes Buchheit at wbuchheit@quailforever.org or 573-517-8860 or visit www.moprescribedfire.org.

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