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## NEWS RELEASE

### **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 27, 2024** – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever are excited to announce the hiring of Timothy Winkler 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. Winkler joined the Habitat Organization on July 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 using prescribed fire.

“Timothy joins the team bringing exceptional local knowledge and a strong passion for the outdoors,” said Habitat Crew Leader Dylan Jacobs. “His dedication to our natural resources will serve him well in this role, and we’re excited to have him work to improve the habitat of quail and other wildlife in Missouri.”



Timothy grew up amidst the woodlands and rivers of the St. Louis region. He attended Jefferson College in Hillsboro, MO where he studied Environmental Education and Arts. Winkler has spent the past two summers working with the Missouri Department of Conservation, expanding his knowledge and experience in conservation and land management practices. He is excited to bring his education, experience, and passion for Missouri native habitats to the Missouri team. You can often find him hiking, creek fishing with his friends, and attending live music events around town in his spare time.

“I am very excited and ready to team up with local landowners to restore their woodland and prairie properties,” Winkler said. “I also want to learn and promote growth among my community about the benefits that Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever have to offer for our local habitat.”

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



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

[Pheasants Forever](http://www.pheasantsforever.org) and [Quail Forever](http://www.quailforever.org) 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.