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COLUMBIA, MO — May 14, 2020 — Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Missouri recently named Josh Colligan as their Missouri Communications Specialist. He will collaborate with the Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever team to deliver the organizations' story to new audiences through expanded and improved outreach.

“On a daily basis our Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever volunteers and partners are creating habitat and connecting new hunters to Missouri’s outdoors,” said Casey Bergthold, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever’s Missouri State Coordinator. “Colligan will be able to tell those stories from a unique perspective as he shares his passion for the pursuit and helps recruit new hunters to the field.”



Josh graduated from SUNY Plattsburgh in 2010 with a degree in Newspaper Journalism. He honed his skills over the next 4.5 years working in sports for newspapers in western Massachusetts. In October 2014, he joined the U.S. Air Force. He traveled to Alaska, the Middle East and South Korea before moving to Missouri.

As his service time was nearing its end, Josh knew he wanted to switch gears. Communications, especially conservation communication, was a natural fit because it combines two of his passions: the outdoors and writing.

It wasn't until recently that Josh made his way to hunting. He grew up fishing in Western New York. Sports, school and work kept him out of the field for much of his life. He finally had the chance to break into hunting when the Air Force sent him to Alaska in 2015. Of all the big game species Alaska has to offer, he began his pursuit with snowshoe hare and ruffed grouse.

He moved to north-central Missouri in June 2019. He heard about the wonderful upland bird hunting opportunities, and when an opportunity with Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever presented itself, he jumped at it. Josh can be reached at Jcolligan@quailforever.org.

About Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever

Pheasants Forever, including its quail conservation division — Quail Forever — is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever have more than 138,000 members and 760 local chapters across the United States and Canada. Since creation in 1982, Pheasants Forever has spent over \$900 million on 550,000 habitat projects benefiting 19 million acres nationwide.