PHEASANTS FOREVER & QUAIL FOREVER
The Habitat Organization
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist

2 Openings: Pinetop Regional Office & the Phoenix headquarters of the Arizona Game and Fish Dept.

Application Deadline: March 24th, 2017

Anticipated Start Date: April 17th, 2017

Overview: These two positions are located in the offices of the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and will be direct employees of Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever. The positions will provide Farm Bill program technical assistance and broad-based conservation program funding to landowners; provide work on improving wildlife habitat on Department-owned properties, and work with local Quail Forever chapters to provide assistance with quail management/monitoring needs in Arizona. All work will be consistent with, and directed to achieve conservation goals of all cooperating partners’ programs.

Duties:

- Plans, organizes, monitors, and implements activities and projects that improve habitat or secure recreation access for hunters in association with the Department’s statewide Landowner Relations Programs (LRP) and coordinating with the Phoenix Headquarters and Pinetop Regional Office of AZ Game and Fish Dept.
- Works with landowners and ranchers to foster strong relationships, and incorporate wildlife concerns into the planning and implementation of ranch operations.
- Works collaboratively with local NRCS field offices to provide wildlife expertise for staff and landowners working with NRCS.
- Negotiates projects and agreements with private landowners to enhance and conserve sensitive wildlife habitat and special status species on private lands.
- Works closely with private landowners and land management agencies to resolve issues, concerns and problems with wildlife habitat or recreational access.
- Executes and implements all types of agreements with private landowners and land management agencies associated with the Department’s LRP.
- In addition, works closely with NRCS staff and landowners to promote Farm Bill programs such as Conservation Planning for Wildlife, Environmental Quality Incentive Program, the Regional Conservation Partnership Program, and several others.
- Provides staff support in developing required documentation for project compliance (NEPA, ESA, etc).
- Conducts wildlife and wildlife habitat surveys of public and private lands to determine opportunities for wildlife habitat improvements or mitigating recreational access issues.
- Uses technical equipment such as GPS, computers, etc.
- Presents programs to landowners, technical meetings, and public information opportunities.
- Supervises volunteer personnel on an as-needed basis.
- Performs other duties and responsibilities as needed.
- Acts as a liaison for the Department with the Agriculture Community, Sportsmen groups, and non-profit entities engaged in habitat restoration or securing recreational access.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:
The ideal candidate will have knowledge of Arizona wildlife species and their habitat requirements, and have the ability to effectively coordinate, cooperate, and communicate with private landowners and agencies as an advocate for conservation and enhancement of wildlife habitat and wildlife populations. Knowledge of computer programs such as Word, Outlook, Excel and GIS (ARCGIS) is desirable.
Training and Experience Guideline:
Bachelor’s degree in a wildlife science or closely related field from an accredited college or university, and two years of professional experience in wildlife research or wildlife management. A graduate degree in a wildlife science or a closely related field may substitute for one year of the required experience.

Salary: $36,000 - $38,500 + health benefits and retirement package.

To Apply: Visit our website at: www.pheasantsforever.org/jobs

ONLY ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Please combine your cover letter, resume and 3 references into a single Word document or PDF file on the Recruitment website.

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