Coordinating Wildlife Biologist
Application Deadline: May 31, 2019
Location: Stillwater, Oklahoma

Anticipated Start Date: July 08, 2019

Overview: This position will be located within the NRCS State Office in Stillwater, Oklahoma and will provide conservation services and delivery focused on early successional habitat restoration, with an increased emphasis on programs directed to improve and restore critical habitats for the Monarch Butterfly.

The incumbent will serve as a Coordinating Biologist (State-Wide Responsibility) providing biological/wildlife technical assistance for USDA, ODWC, Pheasants Forever Inc. and Quail Forever (PF/QF) and our other local partners. The successful applicant will deliver conservation technical assistance to farmers, ranchers and other landowners primarily interested in early successional habitat for Monarch Butterfly and other upland wildlife species. The position will be an employee of and be supervised by Pheasants Forever, Inc. with daily instruction and leadership provided by the PF/QF South Region Director and NRCS partners. The position will serve as a member of the NRCS – Field Technical Services staff, and will assist NRCS with additional duties and responsibilities directly related to the review, development and integration of wildlife programs and practices within the Farm Bill. Position will provide leadership, direction and serve as a point of contact for additional PF/QF staff within the State of Oklahoma.

Duties:

- Provide technical assistance (wildlife and Monarch Butterfly habitat focus) and guidance to landowners, government agencies, non-government organizations and others (training will be provided through USDA, PF/QF, ODWC and other local and state agencies).
- Coordinate the implementation and application of the RCPP – Monarch program within the State of Oklahoma and utilize conservation programs and practices available within the RCPP (EQIP and CSP) in cooperation with NRCS District Conservationist, State Fish and Wildlife Agency partners and others.
- Complete contracts, applications and other required documentation for conservation programs offered under the RCPP – Monarch Program (EQIP & CSP).
- Work to promote the RCPP-Monarch Program across the State of Oklahoma through various media outlets, landowner workshops and partner meetings.
- Serve as a point of contact for PF/QF within the State of Oklahoma pertaining directly to collaboration and implementation of the State-Wide Monarch Strategy.
- Communicate program requirements, complete site visits to determine eligibility, and develop plans and contracts for applicants enrolling in USDA Conservation Programs or other state and local conservation programs.
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

Required Knowledge Skills and Abilities:
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively with landowners and partner agencies.
- Ability to work independently with little supervision and with diverse clientele.
- Knowledge of wildlife ecology, wetland and grassland management including the ability to utilize various habitat management tools and techniques in the development of management plans.
- Knowledge of conservation and wildlife programs provided by Federal (i.e. Farm Bill, US Fish and Wildlife Service), State agencies and PF/QF within the State of Oklahoma. In addition, knowledge of how these programs are implemented in an agricultural and/or rangeland landscape is desired.
- Ability to apply and use GIS tools (i.e. GPS, ARC Map, etc.).
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Valid driver’s license required; work vehicle provided; some use of personal vehicle required (mileage reimbursement provided).
- Able to obtain USDA Federal Security Clearance.

**Training and Experience Guideline:** Any combination of training and/or experience that will enable the applicant to possess the required knowledge, skills and abilities. A general qualification guideline for this position is a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management or closely related natural resources field and/or related field experience. Experience working with private land habitat planning is highly desirable.

**Salary Range:** Commensurate with Experience + Health Benefits and Retirement Package.

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**ONLY ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Please combine your cover letter, resume and 3 references as a single Word document or PDF file before uploading to the Recruitment website. Additional question may be directed to Dustin Lamoreaux – Oklahoma State Coordinator (dlamoreaux@quailforever.org)

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