Habitat Specialist
Kansas
(2 positions)

Application Deadline: November 3, 2020
Locations: Glen Elder Wildlife Area, Glen Elder, KS & Woodson/Fall River Wildlife Area, KS

Anticipated Start Date: December 2020

Overview: These positions are part of a partnership between Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) and Habitat Forever, LLC (HF). The incumbents will conduct habitat management work on public wildlife management areas. They are full-time, permanent employees of Habitat Forever and will receive daily leadership from KDWP Field Managers. One of the positions will be located at Glen Elder Wildlife Area, in Glen Elder, Kansas; the other will split time between Fall River WA and Woodson WA.

Duties: The incumbents will assist with all aspects of managing the assigned wildlife management area. Major responsibilities include:

- Directing, supervising, and implementing habitat management work on public wildlife areas;
- Procuring supplies and equipment;
- Supervising and participating in the construction, maintenance and repair of area buildings, equipment, and roads;
- Coordinating agricultural permits to insure positive benefits for wildlife;
- Providing public information;
- Participating in scientific field studies and surveys;
- Participating in training and evaluation of seasonal employees.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

Required Knowledge Skills and Abilities:

- A basic understanding of environmental, agricultural and/or natural resource science. Education may be substituted for experience as determined relevant by the partners. Preference will be given to candidates that possess a bachelor’s degree with an emphasis in wildlife management;
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively with colleagues and partner agencies;
- Ability to work independently with little supervision;
- Knowledge of wildlife ecology, wetland and grassland management including the ability to utilize various habitat management equipment and tools in the development of wildlife habitat;
- Excellent verbal/written communication and organizational skills;
- Valid driver’s license required.
- Ability to operate, maintain, and transport farm equipment and implements is critical.

Training and Experience Guideline: Any combination of training and/or experience that will enable the applicant to possess the required knowledge, skills and abilities. One year of work experience in a wildlife management related job. 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.

Salary: $32,500 - $36,000, depending on experience and qualifications + Health and Retirement Benefits.

To Apply: Visit our website at: www.pheasantsforever.org/jobs
ONLY ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Please include your cover letter, resume and 3 references as a single Word document or PDF file on the recruitment website.

If you have questions, contact: Matt O’Connor, Habitat Forever Coordinator 563-926-2357, moconnor@pheasantsforever.org

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Description of Areas:

Glen Elder Wildlife Area
Glen Elder Wildlife Area encompasses almost 13,200 land acres surrounding a 12,500-acre reservoir and offers a diversity of wildlife species to be enjoyed. Management efforts on the area are primarily geared towards early successional habitat that benefits all wildlife species. Small game and upland bird populations see the most benefits from this approach.

Located 13 miles west of Beloit, KS. on U.S. Highway 24, the lake was built in 1968 by the US Bureau of Reclamation for irrigation, flood control, and recreation. Because the irrigation district below the reservoir was never fully established, the demand is lower than other western Kansas lakes, and the water level remains relatively stable.

You can see and photograph a diversity of wildlife species. In winter, bald and golden eagles visit. Deer and pheasant are common sights. Waterfowl stop on their migrations, and a small Canada goose flock make the area home.

Fall River
The Fall River Wildlife Area is located in the physiographic area known as the Osage Cuestas, in rolling prairie country, with a wide fertile flood plain valley surrounded by steep rolling uplands. The area has very distinct habitats including 6 miles of Otter Creek and 14 miles of Fall River with 2300 acres of riparian timber, 2500 acres of native grass, 2988 acres of cropland and 960 acres of the Fall River Reservoir.
Area management will focus on increasing the quality of the experience for visitors, managing wildlife and wildlife habitats with an ecological based approach while providing quality hunting, fishing and outdoor recreational opportunities. Species managed for include deer, turkey, waterfowl, quail, squirrels and doves.

Woodson
The oak covered Chautauqua Hills which lie along the east and south side of the lake, along with the native grass covered rolling terrain to the west and north, provide a beautiful setting for Woodson State Fishing Lake. The lake itself is 180 surface acres and is located on a tributary of Big Sandy Creek, which eventually dumps into the Verdigris River. About 75% of public use on the area centers around the lake. Primary use is by anglers however, the beautiful setting of the lake draws many campers and day users.