

# PHEASANTS FOREVER & QUAIL FOREVER

*THE HABITAT ORGANIZATION*

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENT



# Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist

**Beadle, Jerauld, and Sanborn Counties**

**(Woonsocket) South Dakota**

**Application Deadline: March 31, 2020**

**Start Date:** Spring 2020

**Overview:** In partnership with the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); position will coordinate and implement wildlife-related conservation programs and provide technical assistance. Work in joint capacity with PF, GFP, NRCS, and the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to promote, coordinate and implement conservation provisions of the Federal Farm Bill and other related wildlife conservation programs. The programs of interest are promoting and implementing CRP, ACEP, EQIP, CSP and other state and federal conservation programs. Duties will include wildlife habitat planning, contract coordination, writing plans, site assessment and reporting. Provide technical assistance for wildlife habitat enhancement techniques to private landowners and public organizations. Meet with local chapters of Pheasants Forever to help coordinate and influence habitat management efforts and participate in county and statewide habitat meetings. Meet regularly with GFP, PF and USDA staff to coordinate technical assistance efforts. Implement specific conservation programs to improve wildlife habitat.

**About the Area:** Woonsocket is located in the heart of the James River Valley which lays in the heart of excellent hunting especially for pheasants and spring snow goose seasons. It is also a short drive to the Missouri river home to some of the best walleye and smallmouth bass fishing in the Midwest.

### **Duties:**

- Provide technical assistance (biology focus) and guidance to private landowners, government agencies, non-government organizations and other groups for USDA NRCS Conservation Programs. The positions will receive training on the USDA NRCS Conservation Programs, Pheasants Forever, SDGFP and other local and state programs.
- Coordinate the implementation and application of biological sciences within the conservation programs in cooperation with the local NRCS, District Conservationist, SDGFP private lands biologist, PF Biologists, and others.
- Complete contracts, applications and other required documentation for the conservation programs requiring biological expertise in cooperation with the listed partners and NRCS, District Conservationist.
- Communicates program requirements, completes site visits to determine eligibility, and develops contracts/plans for applicants/participants for the USDA, NRCS Conservation Programs and other local and state programs.
- Performs 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 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, & local entities. In addition, knowledge of how these programs are implemented in an agricultural landscape is desired.
- Excellent verbal and written communication.

- Strong organizational skills.
- Valid driver's license required; 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 Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management or closely related natural resources field is required.

**Starting Salary:** \$32,000 – \$34,000 + Health Benefits and Retirement Package

**To Apply:** please visit our website at [www.pheasantsforever.org/jobs](http://www.pheasantsforever.org/jobs)

**ONLY ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Please combine your cover letter, resume and 3 references into 1 Word document or PDF file before uploading on the Recruitment website.

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