Habitat Forever, LLC JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



Habitat Specialist Kansas (1 position)



Application Deadline: November 12, 2018 Location: Tuttle Creek WA

Anticipated Start Date: December 20, 2018

Overview: This position is 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. This Habitat Specialist position will be located at Tuttle Creek WA, Blue Rapids, Kansas.

Duties: The incumbent 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;
- Prescribed Fire experience and formal fire training is important.
- Excellent verbal/written communication and organizational skills;
- Valid driver's license required.

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. Ability to maintain, operate, and transport farm machinery needed for broad range of habitat projects. 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.

Pay: \$32,000.00 Salary depending on experience and qualifications + Health and Retirement Benefits.

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

ONLY ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Please combine your <u>cover letter</u> explaining why this position is a good fit for you, resume, and 3 references into a single Word document or PDF file on the Recruitment website. Also, indicate which specific position(s) you are applying for.

If you have additional questions, please contact Matt O'Connor, Habitat Forever Coordinator 563-926-2357, <u>moconnor@pheasantsforever.org</u>

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Tuttle Creek Wildlife Area

Tuttle Creek Lake is situated in the beautiful Flint Hills region of Kansas. The lake is the second largest in the state offering 12,000 acres of water and 100 miles of irregular wooded shoreline. Tuttle Creek Lake, being the key unit of the flood control projects within the Kansas River Basin, may swell to 54,000 acres. KDWPT also manages 12,200 acres of land on the north end of the lake for wildlife benefit. In addition to permanent habitat enhancement, KDWPT provides 3,220 acres of cropland for winter food. Because of the flooding, area management will focus on enhancing wetland habitat. 480 Acres of constructed wetlands provide food and shelter to migrating shorebirds and waterfowl. Other species managed for include white-tailed deer, turkey, quail, pheasants, squirrels and doves.