

## PHEASANTS FOREVER AND QUAIL FOREVER *The Habitat Organization JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT*



# **Public & Private Lands Specialist**

Work Location: Iowa DNR Missouri River Wildlife Unit (Monona County) 16054 145th Street Whiting, IA 51063 Private Land Counties: Crawford, Harrison, Ida, Monona, Sac, Woodbury Public Land Counties: Audubon, Crawford, Harrison, Monona, Plymouth, Shelby, Woodbury

> Application deadline: October 26, 2018 Salary: \$12.86-\$13.05 per hour Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. – 40 hours per week

Tentative Start Date: November 19, 2018 End Date: June 30, 2019

**JOB DESCRIPTION:** The PF Wildlife Management Specialist is expected to promote and implement the Iowa Habitat and Access Program (IHAP) in addition to performing a variety of maintenance and technical tasks at the wildlife management unit. The employee is expected to display a high level of initiative and commitment towards completing assignments efficiently. Employees in this position will work with other wildlife unit personnel and be under the general direction of the Natural Resource Biologist. The job duties of this position include general wildlife management activities on state-owned and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers owned wildlife areas within the assigned unit counties. Overnight travel will occasionally be required on special projects outside of the assigned unit counties. This is a oneyear position.

### Examples of typical job duties may include:

- Follow up on enrolled IHAP sites, contracting and ensure that planned work is completed.
- Contact targeted CRP landowners, follow up answers to interested landowners
- General area maintenance involving mowing, sign posting, fence building, fence removal, etc. These activities require the ability to use power equipment; drills, saws, hand tools, chain saws, trimmers, small mowers etc.
- Tree and brush cutting and spraying in both grassland and woodland systems. This will require use of chainsaws, clearing saws, bobcat and attachments, spraying equipment.
- Prescribed fire implementation for ecological purposes. This duty will require fire-line construction, fire-line holding, and mop-up activities. Performance of these tasks will require the employee to periodically work under physically stressful and adverse conditions. Proficiency in the use of basic wildland firefighting equipment will be needed.
- Native grass seeding, invasive species spraying and mowing will require the use and knowledge of tractors and basic farm tillage equipment.
- Waterfowl banding, various wildlife surveys and CWD sampling. Collecting of biological data occasionally will require early morning or late night work scheduling.
- Special assignments may require some overnight travel to accomplish projects outside of the assigned unit counties. These assignments will require the ability to work well with others, work out of doors under all types of weather conditions, and to withstand physically demanding work, i.e., lifting, bending and hauling.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

• College graduate with a degree in wildlife biology, animal ecology, or another closely related natural resource field.

- Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to travel on overnight duties.
- Work with minimal supervision; demonstrate responsible behavior and attention to detail.
- Must have a valid motor vehicle operator's license.
- Able to work alone or as part of a team, with the public, in all conditions, on weekends, holidays, nights, and evenings as required.
- Follow policy and cooperate with supervisors and co-workers.
- Exhibits honesty and integrity.
- Displays a high level of initiative, effort and commitment towards completing assignments efficiently.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** Must possess or be able to acquire a commercial driver's license, pesticide applicator's license, S130-190 basic firefighter training certification, Iowa DNR chainsaw safety certification, and first aid & blood born pathogen training. Special requirements shall be met within 90 days of hire if not currently possessed.

**<u>To Apply</u>**: Visit our website at: <u>www.pheasantsforever.org/jobs</u>

**ONLY ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**. <u>Please include your cover letter</u>, resume and 3 references as 1 Word document or PDF file on the Recruitment website.

If you have additional questions, please contact Pete Hildreth, IA DNR, <u>pete.hildreth@dnr.iowa.gov</u> or 712-254-0955; or, Jamie Cook, IA State Coordinator for PF, <u>jcook@pheasantsforever.org</u> or 859-779-0222.

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