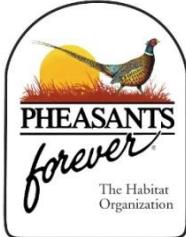


**Habitat Forever, LLC**  
**JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**



**Habitat Specialist**  
**Wilson, McPherson Valley Wetlands, &**  
**Jamestown Wildlife Areas, Kansas**  
**(3 positions)**



**Application Deadline:** October 6, 2021

**Anticipated Start Date:** November 2021

**Overview:** This position is part of a partnership between Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) and Habitat Forever, LLC (HF). The incumbent 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.

**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 applicants 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.

**Salary:** \$33,000, depending on experience and qualifications + Benefits.

**To Apply:** Please combine your cover letter, resume, and 3 references into a single Word document or PDF file before uploading to the "Resume" section of your application on our Recruitment website at:  
[www.pheasantsforever.org/jobs](http://www.pheasantsforever.org/jobs) \*ONLY ONLINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

**If you have additional questions, please contact Marina Osier, Kansas State Coordinator 515-201-1873,  
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### **Description of Work Area:**

Wilson Wildlife Area: Located in the scenic Smoky Hills of northcentral Kansas on the upper end of 9,000 acre Wilson Reservoir, this 8,069 acre public hunting area is made up of 5,000 acres of rugged rolling hills of native prairie, approximately 2,000 acres of cropland, and 1,000 acres of riparian timber along the Saline River, Cedar Creek, Turkey Creek, and Elm Creek. Pheasant, quail, turkey, dove, rabbit, whitetail deer, waterfowl, furbearers, and many songbirds and non-game wildlife inhabit or pass through and use the area.

McPherson Valley Wetlands Wildlife Area: Currently the area holds 51 independently managed wetland pools, two refuges that include approximately 650 total acres and approximately 350 acres of water when full, and provides a total of approximately 1,750 surface acres of water when full for migrating waterfowl. The area is managed intensively for waterfowl, but also provides good opportunity for pheasant, quail, and dove hunting. The spring migration is a spectacular sight for viewing migratory birds in full plumage. Many species common to the central flyway can be found at the wetlands during this time. Most notably, for the first time in 100 years, whooping cranes visited the area in 1995. In the spring of 2016, 17 whooping cranes were observed in the Big Basin marshes.

Jamestown Wildlife Area: Of the 5,124 acres of public hunting now available on the area, over 1,900 acres are wetlands. The area is located along a major migration route for the Central Flyway. There are varieties of other wildlife habitats on the area, including cropfields, grasses and shrubs for upland birds and timbered areas for big game.