

Folks I am pleased to announce this news release from Colorado. I want to personally thank every chapter in Colorado for their dedication to Pheasants Forever and for coming together as a TEAM on this. This would not have been possible without your efforts the past 22 years and believing in this program. I want to also thank the Colorado NRCS and the Colorado Division of Wildlife for being partners on these positions. We have come a long way in a short amount of time and with three biologists on the ground we will accomplish great things for Pheasants, Quail and other Wildlife.

Yours truly,

Bob Hix

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist (3) Colorado

Application Deadline: March 26th, 2010

Locations: Lamar, Holyoke, and Burlington

Start Date: May 3rd (flexible)

Overview: The Farm Bill Biologist Program began in 2003 with 4 positions and we currently have 50 Partnership Biologists in 8 states. These positions are co-located in USDA field offices in the county locations listed above and cover multiple counties. The incumbent will be an employee of Pheasants Forever, Inc. and receive primary supervision from Pheasants Forever (PF) with daily supervision and instruction provided by the local USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) staff. The successful applicant will assist the partnership by providing biological/wildlife technical assistance for USDA, CDOW and PF conservation programs to farmers, ranchers and private landowners.

Duties:

- Provide technical assistance (wildlife biology focus) and guidance to landowners, government agencies, non-government organizations and other groups. The position will receive training on USDA Conservation Programs, PF, CDOW 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, CDOW private lands biologist, PF staff, and others.
- Complete contracts, applications and other required documentation for conservation programs (i.e. CRP, WHIP, EQIP, WRP etc) requiring biological expertise in cooperation with the listed partners.
- Communicate program requirements, complete site visits to determine eligibility, and develop contracts/plans for USDA Conservation Programs and other state and local 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
- Working knowledge of agricultural practices, conservation and wildlife programs provided by Federal (i.e. Farm Bill, US Fish and Wildlife Service), State, and PF.
- Working knowledge of wildlife ecology, grassland and wetland management including the ability to utilize various habitat management tools in the development of a management plans.
- Knowledge of Microsoft programs and ArcGIS
- Excellent oral, written communication and organizational skills
- Valid driver's license required; Work vehicle provided, some use of personal vehicle required (with mileage reimbursement)
- Ability 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 general qualification guideline for this position is a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management or closely related natural resources field and 1 year related field experience.

Salary: \$38,000 – \$42,000 + Health benefits and retirement package

To Apply: Send Cover Letter, Resume and references (Microsoft Word or pdf format by email preferred) to:

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