

# KS Habitat Specialist- Jamestown

Regular Full-Time Technician

Jamestown, KS, US

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**Application Deadline:** Open until filled

**Anticipated Start Date:** August/September 2024

**Overview:** This position is part of a partnership between Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) and Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever (PFQF). The incumbent will conduct habitat management work on the Jamestown Management Areas. They are full-time, permanent employees of PFQF and will receive daily leadership from KDWP Wildlife Area Managers. This position not only provides professional services but also prepares employees for potential advancement in the natural resources field by providing training in planning, management, and implementation of habitat practices.

**Duties:** The incumbent will assist with all aspects of managing the assigned wildlife management areas. Major responsibilities include and vary depending on duty station:

- Supervising and implementing habitat management work on public lands which will include but is not limited to prescribed burning, mechanical tree removal with skid steer, food plot establishment, brome conversion, native grass establishment, dove field management, and herbicide application.
- Participating in scientific field studies and surveys which will include spotlight deer surveys, pheasant crow counts, quail whistle counts, pheasant, and turkey brood surveys, fall covey counts, and waterfowl surveys. Incumbent may assist other biologists and divisions with sampling, surveys, and other duties.
- Coordinating agricultural permits and habitat plans using GIS.
- Participate in habitat management of intensely managed wetlands with a focus on moist soil management. Including wetland draw downs, water pumping, use of a variety of water control structures, wetland design, infrastructure repairs and maintenance, soil disturbance techniques, flood response, row crop production, and use of large array of tools and equipment to meet management objectives.
- Procuring supplies and equipment.
- Supervising and participating in the construction, maintenance and repair of area buildings, equipment, and roads.
- Providing public outreach.
- 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.
- Excellent verbal/written communication and organizational skills.
- Valid driver's license required.

**Training and Experience Guideline:** A general qualification for this position is a Bachelor of Science Degree in Wildlife Management or related field and/or related experience. Other preferred, but not required qualifications include a basic understanding of upland habitat management, prescribed burning, tractor and implement operation, equipment transportation, hand and power tools, noxious weed identification and management, wildlife and grassland ecology, and GIS, especially ArcMap or ArcGIS Pro. Proper training will be provided as necessary for the successful candidate.

**Salary:** \$37,440/year, starting salary + benefits (see our benefits summary at [www.pheasantsforever.org/jobs](http://www.pheasantsforever.org/jobs))

**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) (our benefits summary is also viewable on our website).

**If you have additional questions, please contact Eran Sandquist, conservation delivery director at 763 242 1273.**

**Description of Work Area: Jamestown Wildlife Area**

**Jamestown Wildlife Area, 5,124 acres** – This area lies approx. 13 miles northwest of Concordia, Kansas along tributaries of the Republican River. It has approximately 2,500 acres of intensively managed wetlands. The remaining acres include contracted cropland interspersed among upland and some riparian habitat. Management emphasis is on moist-soil wetland management and development, and intensive upland management.

Primary management needs of these uplands include the reduction of invasive trees, improved grassland management through controlled burning, native warm season grass plantings and reintroduction of livestock grazing on some tracts. Tied in with Jamestown Wildlife Area is Talmo Wildlife Area that is owned by KDWP. This area is 988 acres approximately 20 miles east of Jamestown Wildlife Area which includes 150 acres of managed moist soil marshes, 90 acres of natural saline areas, 150 acres of agricultural production and the remaining acres consist of native warm and cool season grasses. Lovewell Wildlife Area is approximately 2,215 acres of wildlife habitat surrounding the 3,000 acre irrigation reservoir. The area has 550 acres of agricultural production, both native warm and cool season grasses with invasive tree issues along with a fair amount of cottonwood/ash bottom land acres and burr oak savannah type uplands. Brzon (320 acres), Griswold (320 acres) and Pack (74 acres) Wildlife Areas are three more satellite properties spread out across Republic and part of Washington Counties. These areas consist of some agricultural production, grazing for wildlife benefit with a mixture of warm season grasses, riparian woodlands, and scattered blocks of timber. All of these properties offer a vast variety of habitat types and management challenges, along with many outdoor opportunities for hunters and anglers in north central Kansas.

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