



EMMETT - ABERDEEN

Emmett Lenihan was born and raised in Aberdeen and had a 24 year career as a game warden. After retiring, he moved back home and in March 2007, joined Pheasants Forever as a farm bill biologist.

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MARY BETH - BELLE FOURCHE

Mary Beth Albrechtsen is a range and wildlife conservationist in northwest South Dakota. She works with landowners to enhance rangeland health and improve habitat for greater sage-grouse and other sagebrush-steppe species. She started at Pheasants Forever to work with landowners.

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JIM - CHAMBERLAIN

Jim Ristau is Pheasant Forever's longest tenured farm bill biologist. He spent five years with GFP, 10 years in the private sector as a hunting and fishing guide and now 12 years with Pheasants Forever.

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BRANDON - GETTYSBURG

Brandon Boehm started at Pheasants Forever in early 2015 as a farm bill biologist. He worked with agencies and universities in several states before joining Pheasants Forever. He enjoys working with landowners to help benefit wildlife and farmers.

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MATT - HURON

Matt Grunig works for GFP as a private lands wildlife biologist, particularly involving the Wetland and Grassland Program. His experience with farm bill programs helps him assist with the enrollment and establishment of these practices.

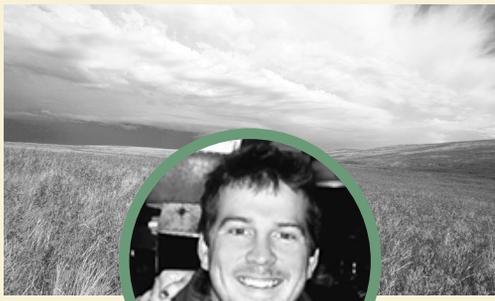
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BRIAN - HURON

Brian Pauly's studies focused on South Dakota's state bird, the pheasant. His current position with the GFP is as a private lands biologist allows him to work with private landowners to improve conservation on their properties.

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MIKE - MITCHELL

After working in Alaska, Wyoming and Missouri, Mike Blaaid settled down in his home town of Mitchell and has worked as a farm bill biologist since 2009. He is now part of Pheasants Forever.

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MARK - PIERRE

Mark Norton is a habitat biologist for GFP and works with private landowners to create wildlife habitat. He coordinates with federal, state and non-government organizations to shape and deliver habitat programs for landowners.

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TIM - PIERRE

Tim Olson has more than 25 years experience at GFP, focusing on wetland and grassland conservation. He coordinates the Wetland and Grassland Program, assisting landowners with pond projects, grazing land management and controlling invasive trees.

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CODY - RAPID CITY

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SAM - REDFIELD

Sam Fryman worked for numerous state, federal and private agencies in various seasonal positions across the midwest, southeast and northeast regions of the United States before landing in South Dakota with Pheasants Forever.

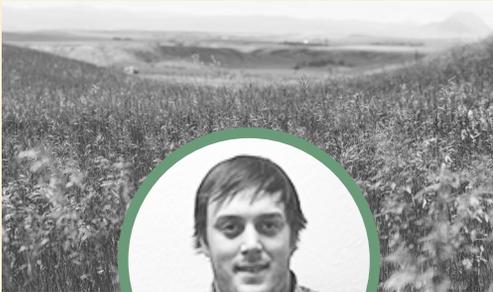
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ERIC - BROOKINGS

Eric Magedanz has been a farm bill biologist with Pheasants Forever for more than three years. He gets a great sense of pride when assisting a landowner with a habitat project or educating someone on the value of what quality habitat means to wildlife.

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BEN - WEBSTER

Ben Lardy has worked several seasonal positions dealing with habitat restoration and grassland management. He primarily works land conservation; including cover crops, grazing land management and conservation crop rotations.

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NOLAN - WINNER

Nolan Benzing's passion for the outdoors lead him to his time spent working several seasonal positions for the local county conservation board and with Habitat Forever in northeast Iowa.

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TOM - WOONSOCKET

Tom Rohlck worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in SD and ND. Before joining Pheasants Forever, he was a conservation easement specialist. He has knowledge of a variety of programs and easements

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WHAT PROGRAM WILL HELP YOU MEET YOUR GOALS?

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They are available to assist landowners in designing, developing and funding habitat improvements on private lands.

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