

## **PHEASANTS FOREVER PROMOTE MIKE RETTERER AS FIRST RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND ENERGY COORDINATOR**

Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever are excited to announce the promotion of Mike Retterer as the organizations first Rights-Of-Way (ROW) and Energy Coordinator. In his new national role, Retterer will work to promote quality habitat throughout the transportation and energy sector across the United States.

In his primary role, Retterer will be responsible for building and rolling out the formal ROWE program for Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever and developing partnerships in the industry. He will also be integral in working with cooperators and developing seed mixes for ROWE projects and those in his home state of Ohio.

“We’re excited to have Mike on our national seed team. In addition to being a great resource to our ROWE partners and cooperators interested in providing habitat on their projects, Mike elevates the team with his years of experience designing seed mixes, providing conservation technical assistance and evaluating habitat for both ROWE and other conservation projects,” stated Aaron Kuehl, Pheasants Forever’s National Director of Seed Operations.”

Retterer is an Ohio native who began his wildlife career working for the Ohio Division of Wildlife in the late 1990s. He began his tenure with Pheasants Forever as an Ohio Farm Bill Biologist in 2008. In 2017, Mike was promoted to a coordinating biologist and coordinator of the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative where he has worked with transportation and energy partners to develop, manage and evaluate habitat on ROW. Retterer is a recent graduate of the Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever Leadership Development Program. In August, he began his new role expanding his impact beyond Ohio, while still maintaining his current responsibilities in the state.

“Rights-Of-Way and energy projects provide a significant opportunity to provide quality habitat for upland game, pollinators and other wildlife,” shared Mike. “I am excited to partner with them to develop projects which provide high quality habitat for wildlife and economically meets their establishment and management needs.”

Retterer will be based in Mechanicsburg, Ohio. For more information about the Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever Rights-Of-Way and Energy Program, contact Mike at [mretterer@PheasantsForever.org](mailto:mretterer@PheasantsForever.org) or by phone at 866-914-7373.

### **About Pheasants Forever**

[Pheasants Forever](#), including its quail conservation division, [Quail Forever](#), is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever have more than 138,000 members and 760 local chapters across the United States and Canada. Since creation in 1982, Pheasants Forever has spent over \$900 million on 550,000 habitat projects benefiting 19 million acres nationwide. In fact, more than 200,000 of those acres are now permanently protected as public lands.

