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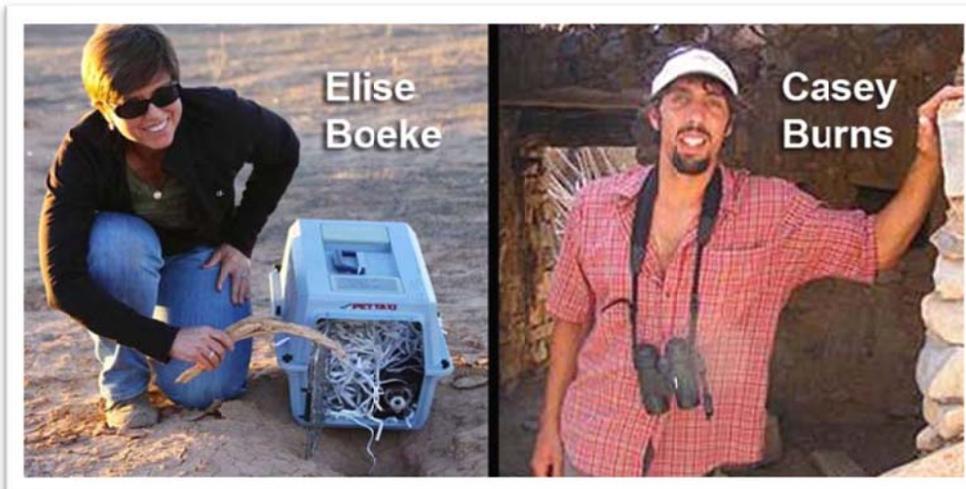
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## NRCS EMPLOYEES ARE SHINING EXAMPLES

Two Utah NRCS employees have recently received notoriety for their work and the enthusiasm they bring to the job.

**State Resource Conservationist Elise Boeke** completed a six-month detail with the U.S.

Fish and Wildlife Service in Denver, where she provided support to the Black-Footed Ferret Recovery Program through the development of a Safe Harbor Agreement. Her work will help private landowners feel more assurance as they work with the Black-Footed Ferret Initiative, part of the Working Lands for Wildlife Program announced by NRCS. She recently had the opportunity to be a part of the release of several ferrets in the Uintah



Basin area of Utah (see accompanying photo).

**State Wildlife Biologist Casey Burns** recently had his “cool job” featured on Southern Methodist University’s Kids Ahead ([http://kidsahead.com/subjects/21-other-stem-subjects/cool\\_jobs/198](http://kidsahead.com/subjects/21-other-stem-subjects/cool_jobs/198)) and STEM Works ([http://stem-works.com/subjects/21-other-stem-subjects/cool\\_jobs/209](http://stem-works.com/subjects/21-other-stem-subjects/cool_jobs/209)) Websites. The feature explores and details a variety of science, math, technology and engineering professions as part of the University’s goal of inspiring our nation’s youth to pursue the study of these subjects. Through an interview and photos, Casey (see accompanying photo) gives students a realistic look into the daily tasks required of an NRCS biologist. Other NRCS careers are also featured on this site through a set of career videos provided by Utah NRCS. Hydrologist Randy Julander was featured on the same sites earlier.

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