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Free Cogongrass Treatments

Jackson, Miss. – Private landowners in the Upper Black Creek Watershed Initiative area may be eligible for FREE Cogongrass herbicide treatments! The Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC) is now accepting applications from private landowners in the eligible initiative area. This program is made available by a grant from the USDA Forest Service and is time limited. **Applications must be received by June 15, 2016.**

Eligible areas include portions of:

- Jefferson Davis County
- Lamar County
- Marion County
- Forrest County
- Perry County
- Pearl River County
- Stone County
- George County
- Jackson County

The USDA Upper Black Creek Watershed Initiative is part of the Joint Landscape Restoration Partnership investing in Mississippi. The Upper Black Creek Watershed is classified as “functioning at risk.” Major threats to the system include pollution from household and industrial garbage dumping, untreated sewage run-off, increased sedimentation from roads/development, and non-native invasive species such as Cogongrass. The project will also facilitate improvements to wildlife habitat for at-risk species and protect water quality and supply throughout the area. Participants include the Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Forest Service, Mississippi Forestry Commission, Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries & Parks, and other partners involved in ecosystem restoration efforts.

MFC personnel are available to speak to interested groups and make public educational addresses about the MFC’s role in the Upper Black Creek Watershed Initiative. Please do not hesitate to contact Jim Hancock (information listed above) about opportunities to reach out to the public about this program.

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The Mississippi Forestry Commission is an equal opportunity provider.

Resources:

Click [here](#) to view the initiative area boundary map.

Click [here](#) for more information on program details and eligibility area.

Click [here](#) for the landowner request form application for assistance.

Please submit landowner request forms to:

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Click on the picture below to view the interactive boundary map.

