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Forestry Commission Announces Prescribed Burning Short Course

STARKVILLE, Miss. - The fall session of the Mississippi Forestry Commission's Prescribed Burning Short Course will be held September 26-28, 2017 at the Dorman Lake Lodge near Starkville. The Prescribed Burning Short Course is open to the public and designed for anyone wishing to become a Certified Prescribed Burn Manager in Mississippi.

Date: September 26-28, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (last day 9:00 a.m. - Noon)

Location: Dorman Lake Lodge, Starkville, Mississippi 39759 - directions provided with registration form.

Space for the workshop is limited, and registration is REQUIRED. Visit http://bit.ly/PBS_9-17 to fill out the registration form and view directions to Dorman Lake Lodge.

Upon completion of the Prescribed Burning Short Course, participants will earn 16 hours of CFE credit and will qualify to take the Mississippi Certified Prescribed Burn Manager exam on the last day of the course. In the hands of a Certified Burn Manager, prescribed burning is a safe way to apply a natural process to maintain forest land. It is one of the most efficient and cost-effective tools available to foresters in the Southeast for understory management, fuel reduction, site preparation, wildfire risk reduction, and wildlife habitat improvement.

At the end of the Prescribed Burning Short Course participants will be qualified to take the Certified Prescribed Burn Manager Exam (offered on the last day of the course). To become a Certified Prescribed Burn Manager through the Prescribed Burning Short Course participants must meet the following requirements:

1. Write a Prescribed Burning Plan and present information on Smoke Screening.
2. Pass the final exam with a score of 80 or higher on the last day of the course.

Once these requirements have been met, a certificate of completion will be issued for the Prescribed Burning Short Course.

For additional information about the workshop, please visit www.mfc.ms.gov/prescribed-burning-short-course or contact: Jeff Ware, Training Director, Mississippi Forestry Commission
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Mississippi has 19.8 million forested acres - 77% of that acreage is privately owned. The State of Mississippi benefits from forestry, which contributes \$12.79 billion to the state's economy, over \$20 million (on average) toward education through School Trust Land timber sale revenue, and employs almost 70,000 people.

Established in 1926, the Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC) protects the state's valuable forest resources from wildfire, manages approximately 480,000 acres of forested School Trust Land, and delivers quality forest management services and assistance to both rural and urban landowners. Our mission is to provide active leadership in forest protection, forest management, forest inventory, and effective forest information distribution, necessary for Mississippi's sustainable forest-based economy.

Resources:

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