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Forestry Commission Announces Prescribed Burning Short Course

JACKSON, Miss. - The spring session of the Mississippi Forestry Commission's Prescribed Burning Short Course will be held March 15-17, 2017 in Hattiesburg. The Prescribed Burning Short Course is open to the public and designed for anyone wishing to become a Certified Prescribed Burn Manager in Mississippi. Upon completion of the Prescribed Burning Short Course, participants will earn 18 hours of CFE credit and qualify to take the Mississippi Certified Prescribed Burn Manager exam (offered 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.

Date: March 15-17, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 133 Plaza Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39402

During the workshop, participants will be introduced to several aspects of Prescribed Burning. The group will visit two sites at the end of the workshop and asked to write a Prescribed Burning Plan based on the information that they have learned during the course. It is important that attendees bring proper footwear for walking in a wooded area. Participants do not conduct a Prescribed Burn during the workshop. 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.

Space for the workshop is limited, and registration is REQUIRED. Visit <http://bit.ly/PBSForm3-17> to fill out the registration form. If you have any additional questions about the workshop, please visit <http://www.mfc.ms.gov/prescribed-burning-short-course> or contact: Jeff Ware, Training Director, 662-401-8067; jware@mfc.state.ms.us

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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. There are approximately 19.8 million forested acres in Mississippi. The forestry and forest products industry has a \$12.79 billion economic impact on the state of Mississippi and represents almost 70,000 jobs.

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