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### MFC Deploys Support Personnel to Oregon

JACKSON, Miss. (August 31, 2018) – This week, the Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC) deployed support personnel to wildfires in Oregon. One Radio Operator and one Receiving Distribution Trainee. They will serve as members of interagency incident management teams. Their names will be released upon their safe return to Mississippi in approximately two weeks.

“Wildland firefighters depend on the support of many different roles and skill sets to manage the logistics of wildfire incidents behind the scenes while they are fighting fires,” said Charlie Morgan, State Forester. “We appreciate our employees taking part in these efforts to help our state and federal partners in Oregon. We commend their efforts and look forward to their safe return home in approximately two weeks.”

As of August 31, 2018, the MFC had five employees (including wildland firefighters and support personnel) assigned to various wildfire incidents.

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### About the Mississippi Forestry Commission

Established in 1926, the [Mississippi Forestry Commission](#) (MFC) protects the state’s valuable 19.8 million acres of forestland 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. Mississippi’s forestry and forest products industries have a \$12.79 billion economic impact and employ almost 70,000 people. Forestry consistently ranks as the state’s second most valuable agricultural commodity, right behind the poultry industry. The MFC looks forward to the continued privilege of caring for Mississippi’s trees, forests, and natural resources.