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MS Forestry Commission Offers FREE Cogongrass Herbicide Treatments in South MS

HATTIESBURG, Miss. – Private landowners in Forrest and Lamar counties may be eligible for FREE cogongrass herbicide treatments! The Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC) is now accepting applications from private landowners in Forrest and Lamar counties. This time-limited program is made available by a grant from the USDA Forest Service. **Applications must be received by June 30, 2018.**

To download the application, visit: <http://bit.ly/CogonApp2018>

The goal of the MFC's Cogongrass Control Program is to reduce the threat of cogongrass in Mississippi. Cogongrass (*Imperata cylindrica*) is an invasive, non-native grass which occurs in the Southeast region of the United States. It is considered to be one of the "[Top 10 World's Worst Weeds](#)", cogongrass affects pine productivity and survival, wildlife habitat, recreation, native plants, fire behavior, and forest management costs. The transportation of this plant into the United States is now prohibited by federal law, however; cogongrass continues to spread throughout the southeast gulf coastal areas, threatening forests, rangelands, natural areas, roadsides, and residential areas.

Not sure if it is cogongrass? Learn how to ID, here: <http://bit.ly/IDCogongrass>

For more information, visit: www.mfc.ms.gov/cogongrass-control-program

To learn more about the services we offer private landowners in Mississippi, please visit our [website](#) and follow us on social media: [YouTube](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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About the Mississippi Forestry Commission

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. The MFC looks forward to the continued privilege of caring

for Mississippi's trees, forests, and natural resources. There are approximately 19.8 million forested acres in Mississippi. 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 Mississippi Forestry Commission treats large tracts of cogongrass with herbicide.