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MFC Deploys Interagency Incident Management Team Members to CO and OR

JACKSON, Miss. (July 23, 2018) – The Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC) deployed one Equipment Manager to Colorado and one Public Information Officer Trainee to Oregon. These individuals will serve on interagency incident management teams, supporting state and federal partners in wildfire suppression efforts. Their names will be released upon their safe return to Mississippi in approximately two weeks.

“Interagency incident management teams depend on a variety of roles and skill sets to manage wildfires,” said Charlie Morgan, State Forester. “We appreciate our employees taking part in these efforts to help our state and federal partners in Colorado and Oregon. We commend their efforts and look forward to their safe return home in approximately two weeks.”

The Indian Valley wildfire in Colorado has grown to over 5,000 acres and is 5 percent contained, according to reports released on July 23, 2018. In Oregon, the Sugar Pine wildfires have burned approximately 886 acres as of July 23, 2018. 19 wildfires on the High Cascades Ranger District west of Crater Lake National Park are being managed under the collective incident name Sugar Pine (also the name of one specific fire in the group). Containment percentage varies depending on which specific fire in the group is being referenced.

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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.