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MFC Deploys Two Interagency Incident Management Team Members to CO & OR

JACKSON, Miss. (August 13, 2018) – The Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC) deployed one Radio Operator to Colorado and one Ground Support Unit Leader Trainee to Oregon. These individuals 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.”

According to reports released on August 11, 2018, the Bull Draw wildfire in Colorado was approximately 18,765 acres and 13 percent contained. The Klondike wildfire in Oregon is 51,120 acres and 15 percent contained. The Taylor Creek wildfire in Oregon is 46,300 acres and 45 percent contained. The combined Klondike and Taylor Creek wildfire information reports were released on August 13, 2018.

As of August 13, 2018, the MFC currently has 25 people assigned to various wildfire incidents out West.

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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.