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MFC Deploys Wildland Firefighters to WA and ID

JACKSON, Miss. (August 4, 2018) – The Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC) deployed one Heavy Equipment Boss to Washington and one Ground Support Unit Leader Trainee to Idaho. These individuals will assist state and federal partners with wildfire suppression efforts. Their names will be released upon their safe return to Mississippi in approximately two weeks.

“We appreciate our employees taking part in these efforts to help our state and federal partners. Fighting the destructive power of wildfire means that our Wildland Firefighters are working in extreme conditions protecting people’s lives, homes, and forestland,” said Charlie Morgan, State Forester. “We are proud of their service and look forward to their safe return home in approximately two weeks.”

The Sharps wildfire in Idaho has grown to over 63,000 acres and is 43 percent contained, according to reports released on August 4, 2018. At the time of this release, the individual traveling to Washington has not yet been assigned to a specific wildfire incident.

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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.