



# MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY COMMISSION

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Dear Participant,

I would like to thank you for your interest and participation in our upcoming Mississippi Prescribed Burning Short Course. I would like to share some additional information on the course and our pre-requisites for attending. There have been some slight adjustments made to the agenda and class schedule due to COVID-19. In response to this pandemic, we have chosen to shorten the course length and add a pre-requisite for attending the course.

The pre-requisite mentioned above is the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) course titled "S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior". In the past, it was included in the classroom instruction portion of the course. By completing the S-190 as a prerequisite, we are able to shorten the length of the course by one day. The S-190 deals with Wildland Fire Information rather than Prescribed Fire. However, many of the fire characteristics are the same, regardless of whether you are in the Wildland Fire setting or in the Prescribed Fire setting. The S-190 will give you basic information and instruction on fire terminology, as well as basic concepts on fuels, weather, and topography and their relationship to fire behavior.

You will be required to complete this course, on your own, prior to your attendance at the MS Prescribed Burning Short Course. You must bring your S-190 certificate of completion to the MS Prescribed Burning Short Course on your scheduled date(s) of attendance.

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Below you will find instructions on completing this pre-requisite course.

- You must first acquire a FEMA Student Identification Number (SID)
- Go to <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/>
  - Click on "Register for a FEMA SID"
  - Fill out all appropriate information
  - Make sure to check the box agreeing to the "Privacy Statement"
  - Click "Register"
- Your FEMA SID will immediately show on the screen and will also be emailed to you
  - Hold on to this information you will need it again
- You must have this SID before proceeding to the National Fire Academy (NFA) website below.

Once you have acquired your FEMA Student Identification Number, you must proceed to the National Fire Academy website to set up your account. This is where you will actually access and view the course.

- Go to <https://nfa-hcm03.ns2cloud.com/learning/user/selfRegisterInit.do>
  - NEW STUDENTS - Please scroll to the bottom to register. The system will generate your User ID after you click submit. Your User Id will also be emailed to you with a link to log on. WARNING: You MUST WAIT TWO HOURS before attempting to logon following initial registration.
  - RETURNING STUDENTS - Your User Id remains the same (Reminder: Your User Id is NOT your FEMA SID#) You should click the button to log on below and follow the directions on each page.
- As a “NEW STUDENT”, please follow the registration instructions on the screen:
  - Enter “Contact Information”
  - Enter “Employee Information”
    - This is where you will enter and confirm your FEMA SID
  - Click “Submit” at the bottom of the page
- You will receive an email with you NFA ID number
- Go back to the registration page
  - <https://nfa-hcm03.ns2cloud.com/learning/user/selfRegisterInit.do>
- Click on the “Log In” button
- You will then be emailed an account verification code
  - You must enter the code to verify your account
- Once you verify your account, you will be redirected to the NFA Online website
- You’ll see a search bar near the top of the page.
  - Simply type “S190” into the search bar.
  - Click on the S-190 Logo.
 
    - Then select “Start Course”
- All Lessons must be completed in sequential order

You MUST bring your certificate of completion for the S-190 to the MS Prescribed Burning Short Course you have chosen to attend. This is a prerequisite for the course. You will not be allowed to participate without first completing the S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior.

Sincerely,  
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