



# MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY COMMISSION

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Dear Participant,

Thank you for your interest in prescribed fire and participation in our upcoming Mississippi Prescribed Burning Short Course. I would like to share some additional information on the course and our pre-requisite for attending. You will see registration options for either a one-day course or a 3-day course. We have chosen to offer a shortened version of the course that may be completed with your attendance to a one-day classroom session. To do so, we added a pre-requisite requirement for completing the one-day course option.

The pre-requisite mentioned above is the National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) course titled “S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior”. In the past, much of the content within the S-190 was included in the classroom instruction portion of the course of our 3-day course. By completing the S-190 as a prerequisite, we were able to shorten the length of the course to 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.

Future course offerings will be available in each of the two formats. Please take notice of the course length before you register. You will be required to choose between our 1-day course or our 3-day course. If choosing a date/location designated as a “1-day session”, please keep in mind that you **MUST** complete the S-190 prior to attending the classroom portion of the course. If you choose a 1-day course option with the S-190 prerequisite requirement, you will be required to complete this course (S-190), 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.

If your session of choice is designated as a “3-day course” there is **NO** prerequisite requirement. All content will be covered during the 3-day course.

If you have not yet completed the S-190, please do so as soon as possible. Please do not wait until the day before and rely on technology to make sure you get completed prior to the course. The S-190 will likely take an average 6-8 hours to complete. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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Below you will find instructions on completing this pre-requisite course. These are also available on the MS Forestry Commission website under the "Prescribed Burning" tab. Please follow this guide step by step to gain access and complete the S-190.

**Please use the guide below to complete the S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior 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, view, and complete 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 your 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.



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- Simply type "S190" into the search bar.
- Click on the S-190 Logo. (shown to the right)
- 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 required 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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