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MFC Personnel Provide Wildfire Assistance in North Carolina, California, and Oregon

Jackson, Miss. – On Sunday, August 9, 2015 the Mississippi Forestry Commission sent a twenty person hand tool crew to assist wildfire suppression efforts at the Bald Knob wildfire in North Carolina. The Bald Knob Wildfire is a 1,000 acre fire suspected to be caused by lightning on Daniel Boone National Forest lands north of Marion, North Carolina. At this time the wildfire is 0% contained, the first priority of the crew on arrival will be a “confine and contain” strategy laid out by the U.S. Forest Service in order to manage the fire appropriately.

Since August 3, 2015 eight single resource personnel have been sent out to different locations in Oregon and California to support additional wildfire suppression efforts in those states.

The Mississippi Forestry Commission is extremely proud of our employees who are taking part in these efforts and assisting fellow agencies in need. We look forward to their safe return in approximately two weeks.

For up-to-date information on the Bald Knob Wildfire in North Carolina please visit: <http://Inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4457>.

For more information on wildfire conditions in our state, please visit our website at www.mfc.ms.gov.

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