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Fire on the Forty Campaign Expanded in MS

Jackson, MS – Since inception in 2011, the Fire on the Forty campaign has approved over 35,000 acres to be burned in select geographic regions of MS with funding available for the next ranking in 2014. Given the high demand from landowners, new funding sources were attracted to the program to include funds from the MS Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, MS Partners for Fish and Wildlife (MPFW), National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the U.S. Forest Service in cooperation with the MS Forestry Commission.

The program has been expanded to include the following focal counties: Prentiss, Monroe, Lowndes, and Noxubee in north Mississippi; Pearl River, Lamar, Forrest, Pike, Walthall, Marion, Jefferson Davis, Covington, and Amite in south MS, with additional funding available for longleaf pine in select counties in the longleaf pine native range. Focal counties were selected based on key habitats where conservation action can directly benefit wildlife species of greatest conservation need.

The campaign was designed to promote prescribed burning on private lands by providing cost share assistance to private landowners. Although prescribed fire is one of the best tools used for managing forests and wildlife habitat, costs and liability have posed concerns among private landowners. This cost share program provides up to 50% of costs associated with conducting prescribed burns on private property.

Landowners can submit applications for the program by October 1, 2014. Applications will be competitively ranked and selected for funding by the MPFW.

For more information about the “Fire on the Forty” program, including project application forms, visit www.mdwfp.com/fireontheforty, contact Tamara Campbell (email tamarac@mdwfp.state.ms.us), or call 601-432-2199.

Are you interested in **BETTER WILDLIFE HABITAT?**

Maybe its time to consider **PRESCRIBED BURNING.**



Fire on the 40

The Mississippi Partner's for Fish and Wildlife, in conjunction with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, are pleased to announce the continuation of

"FIRE ON THE FORTY"

A campaign to enhance wildlife habitat on private lands in South Mississippi through the use of prescribed fire.

Since 2011, over 35,000 acres of prescribed burning have been funded in south Mississippi through Fire on the Forty.

Cost share funding for prescribed burning is available for Amite, Pike, Walthall, Marion, Covington, Jeff Davis, Lamar, Forrest, and Pearl River counties.

The deadline to apply is October 15, 2014.

For more information visit www.mdwfp.com/fireontheforty or contact:

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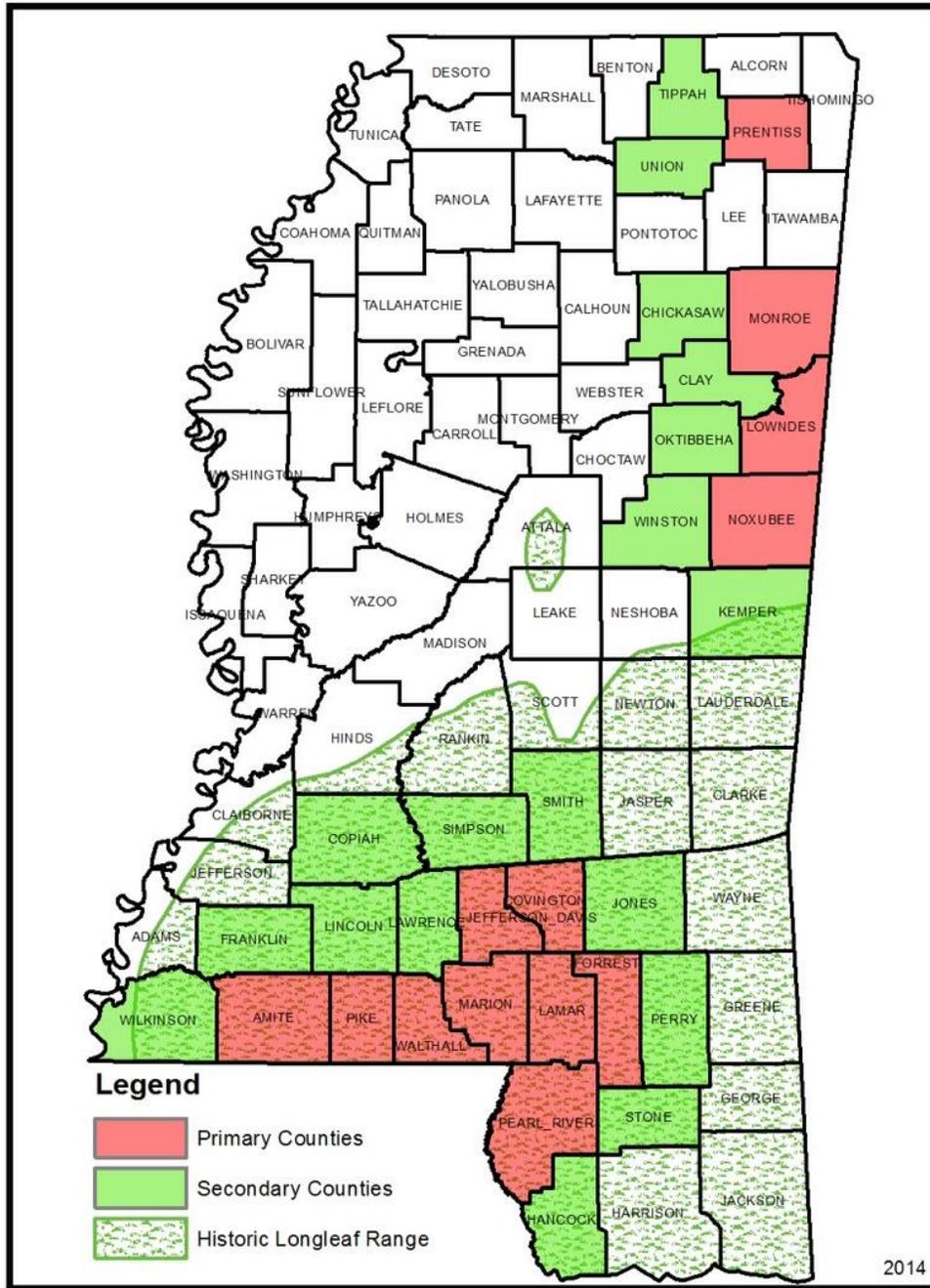
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Fire on the Forty Focal Areas



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