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### Forestry Commission Announces Prescribed Burning Short Course

*HATTIESBURG, Miss.* - The spring session of the Mississippi Forestry Commission's Prescribed Burning Short Course will be held March 6-8, 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn Hattiesburg. The Prescribed Burning Short Course is open to the public and designed for anyone wishing to become a Certified Prescribed Burn Manager in Mississippi.

Date:  
March 6-8, 2018

Time:  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on March 6th  
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on March 7th & 8th

Location:  
Hilton Garden Inn Hattiesburg  
133 Plaza Drive  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Space for the workshop is limited, and registration is REQUIRED. Visit <http://bit.ly/PBSSpring2018> to fill out the registration form.

Upon completion of the Prescribed Burning Short Course participants will qualify to take the Mississippi Certified Prescribed Burn Manager exam on the last day of the course. Registered Foresters will earn CFE credit. In the hands of a Certified Burn Manager, prescribed burning is a safe way to apply a natural process to manage forestland. Prescribed burning is one of the most efficient and cost-effective tools available to foresters and landowners in the Southeast for understory management, fuel reduction, site preparation, wildfire risk reduction, and wildlife habitat improvement.

For additional information about the workshop, please visit <http://bit.ly/PBSSpring2018> or contact:  
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*Mississippi has 19.8 million forested acres - 77 percent of that acreage is privately owned. The State of Mississippi benefits from forestry. 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. Established in 1926, the Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC) protects the state's valuable forest resources 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.*

Resources:

Click [here](#) for video footage of a prescribed burn in Hinds County - February 2017

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