

# MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY COMMISSION



- 2,318 **wildfires** suppressed
- 33,574 acres burned
- 4,441 structures saved
- **Community Involvement**
  - 43 VFA grants with a total value of \$184,500 distributed to local **Volunteer Fire Departments**.
  - \$105,283 distributed through the **Urban & Community Forestry** Challenge Grant Program.
  - 193,808 people reached through community **outreach** education programs.
  - 146% return on investment (ROI) yielded for every dollar appropriated to the MFC. Funds benefit Mississippi's **school children** and **volunteer firefighters**.\*

\*ROI calculated by combining School Trust Land timber sale revenue (directly invested into local school districts) & the acquisition cost of volunteer firefighting equipment (issued to local Volunteer Fire Departments) statewide.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR STATE (by the numbers) FY17

**\$13.2**  
million

School Trust Land timber sale revenue - directly invested into local school districts.

**\$12.79**  
billion

Forest Industry's Economic Impact in the state of Mississippi.

**\$2.09**  
million

Cost-share funding distributed to private forest landowners.



**\$10.5** million  
in **wildland firefighting equipment** issued to local Volunteer Fire Departments.

almost  
**70,000**  
**full & part-time jobs** in Mississippi are forestry-related.