



In my area there are a few small streams which feed into the rivers. When I say small, I mean only about 10 to 15 yards wide. Several times each spring our wild-life agency releases trout into these shallow streams in order to offer more opportunities to catch fish.

There have been several times I have went on an early morning turkey hunt, then afterwards go home and grab my spinning reel and head back to one of these creeks for a couple of hours of trout fishing. It really is a fun way to spend a morning. I can remember the first time I took my son and introduced him to this new type of fishing. He was an older teenager and I could tell he was a little skeptical when I pulled up to the little creek that seemed too shallow to hold any fish of consequence. I knew what he was thinking because I too had shared this sentiment. It really does look like if there were any fish in this creek you would quickly be able to see them. After convincing him the fish were actually

there, we proceeded to wet a line. It didn't take long for him to understand that what looked to be too small, too shallow, unproductive, void, and barren could actually hold great potential. What he needs to learn is that life is exactly the same way. I'm glad he decided to fish that day instead of allowing what he saw to determine what he did.

Let me write that again so you will get it. I'm glad he didn't allow what he saw to determine what he did. If he had, he would've missed a good time and a great harvest.

Some of you are getting up each morning and looking at your day as my son did this creek. When you give it the eye test it seems what lies in front of you is too small and too shallow to hold anything of real value. It may even seem God has given you a Ranger Bass Boat, but only a stream to fish in. But what you must remember is that faith is more about seeing through the eye than it is in seeing with the eye.

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Governor Tate Reeves proclaims March “Wildfire Prevention Month”

Press Release

Gov. Tate Reeves has proclaimed March as “Wildfire Prevention Month” in Mississippi, announced the Mississippi Forestry Commission (MFC) on Thursday, February 27.

Historically, March has one of the highest wildfire occurrence rates of the year due to the transition from winter to spring, dry vegetation and windy conditions.

Faith doesn't look at the small and insignificant stream, but it remembers the God who has stocked it. Faith simply casts its bread on the waters without regard for the past, present, or future; knowing that if God can bring salvation from a cross, He can bring big blessings from my little brook.

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wildfires could have been prevented,” said Russell Bozeman, MFC state forester. “Wildfire Prevention Month allows us to highlight the responsibility of Mississippians to help protect forests, their homes and, ultimately, their lives by focusing on how to prevent wildfires.”

To help prevent wildfires, the MFC offers these tips:

- Check local ordinances. Outdoor burning may be prohibited in your area.
- Check for local or state-wide burn bans.
- Check the local weather forecast. Do not burn on dry, windy days.
- Choose a safe burn site, away from flammable materials. The ground around your burn site should be surrounded by bare dirt or gravel.
- Only burn untreated wood debris. Plastic, rubber tires or other manufactured materials may not be burned.
- Always have a water source close by.
- Never leave a fire unattended.

“Mississippi’s 19.2 million acres of forestland are vital to the health and well-being of the state,” Bozeman said. “The MFC thanks Gov. Reeves for his proclamation, and we ask all Mississippians to be responsible when using fire on their property. Remember, only YOU can prevent wildfires.”

To report a wildfire, call 833-MFC-Fire. If you suspect someone of burning prohibited items, contact local law enforcement.

For more wildfire prevention information, visit mfc.ms.gov and like and follow @MSForestryComm on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

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7 Home for Oscar the Grouch

8 Sun worshiper

9 Actress Massey

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