Good fires help prevent bad ones

March is Mississippi Wildfire Prevention Month

Press Release

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Tate Reeves issued a proc- sion (MFC) state forester. lamation naming March as "Wildfire Prevention Month" that people burn responsibly in Mississippi.

March has one of the highest becoming a wildfire." wildfire occurrence rates of from winter to spring, dry a safe burn site, Mississip-In fact, the first two days of chance of wildfire by taking March this year saw more care when burning outdoors. than 25 wildfires that burned state.

"Human error and care-

said Russell Bozeman, Mis-In late February, Governor sissippi Forestry Commis-"When using fire, we ask and take the proper precau-

Whether it's not burning the year due to the transition on windy days or choosing vegetation and windy days. pians can help reduce the For tips on how you can over 2,220 acres across the help prevent wildfires, visit PreventWildfiresMS.com.

There is also another tool lessness is the primary cause available to the MFC and of wildfires in Mississippi," landowners to help reduce

the risk of catastrophic wildfires – prescribed fire.

Prescribed fire, also known as a controlled burn, refers to the controlled application of fire by a team of fire experts under specified weather conditions that helps restore health to fire-adaptive environments.

"Prescribed fire is one of the most effective forest management tools the MFC Over the last decade, tions to prevent the fire from has," Bozeman said. "Additionally, prescribed fire, when properly applied to a landscape, can significantly reduce the chance of catastrophic wildfires."

Prescribed fire safely reduces excessive amounts of brush, shrubs and trees from the understory. By having a prescribed fire plan for their property, landowners continuously reduce the amount of fuel available should a wild-

"Courts prompted

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fire start. Less fuel means less chance of a wildfire reaching a catastrophic level.

"Wildfire prevention requires a multifaceted approach, and it takes everyone working together," said Bozeman. "The MFC uses prescribed fire as a way to help reduce the chance of large scale wildfires, but we also ask the public to use extreme caution when burning outside."

For more information about prescribed fire, visit mfc.ms.gov/prescribed-fire. For additional wildfire prevention tips, like and follow @MSForestryComm on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

2. Individual judges have tioned shall not come to the discretion to control their general dockets and are authorized to instruct their clerks that jury summonses may not ing drug intervention courts be sent to jurors which would is authorized to modify the be returnable to any date prior scheduling of drug testing to May 18, 2020.

the discretion to postpone see fit. any trials on their own docket scheduled through May first Emergency Administra-15, 2020.

4. Parties, jurors, attorneys, and witnesses who Order remain in full force have traveled to areas with and effect. confirmed coronavirus cases shall contact the clerk of the sibility to ensure constitucourt by telephone before tional rights are protected coming to that court. Those who have been diagnosed with the virus or who are pri- amended, extended, or othmary caregivers for a vulner- erwise modified as circumable person who has been diagnosed with the virus shall contact the clerk of the court by telephone. The aforemen-

courthouse before speaking with court personnel.

5. Each judge conductand home-supervision visits 3. Individual judges have for the next 60 days as they

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> It is the Judiciary's responduring this national emergency. This Order may be stances dictate.

> > SO ORDERED. Michael K. Randolph, Chief Justice





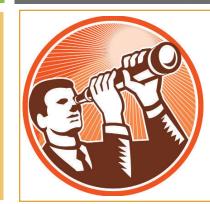


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