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## April tornado wreaks havoc on timber



The deadly tornado that struck central Mississippi on April 24 claimed over ten lives, injured scores and devastated the hopes and dreams of homeowners and landowners who had invested years in their property and businesses. In

addition to structures, thousands of acres of trees were felled within minutes as the storm tracked 149 miles across the state from Warren to Oktibbeha counties.

"Envision dropped, uncooked spaghetti or pickup sticks lying in all different ways," said Robby Toombs, former MFA president and region manager for Resource Management Service, a Birmingham-based company that manages about 300,000 acres in Mississippi. Toombs was interviewed by cell phone by the Jackson *Clarion-Ledger* as he surveyed the tornado damage on the ground. "The twisting action of tornadoes internally damages the grain of trees. Some of the timber we could have sold for high value products, but now we'll end up selling it for pulpwood," Toombs said.

Charlie Morgan, Jr. is Mississippi's State Forester and executive director of the Mississippi Forestry Commission. "After an emergency or natural disaster, the Mississippi Forestry Commission's (MFC) initial role is to provide emergency response assistance to local emergency coordinators. This typically involves clearing roads using bulldozers and chainsaw crews for emergency response teams to access residents in rural areas," Morgan said. "MFC then conducts a timber damage assessment using technologically advanced aerial reconnaissance. MFC also provides information to homeowners who have suffered tree damage and to forest landowners who have timber damage. Timber salvage information is available on the MFC Web site at [www.mfc.ms.gov](http://www.mfc.ms.gov)," Morgan said.

MFC reports the value of timber damaged by the tornado activity on April 24 at \$19,084,878. According to an assessment report prepared by MFC and submitted to Governor Barbour and the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the total area directly impacted by the tornado covers 62,603 acres in ten counties, of which 40,897 acres are forested. From west to east following the path of the tornado, these counties are Issaquena (\$1,037,009 of timber damage), Sharkey (\$123,312), Warren (\$593,132), Yazoo (\$7,334,950), Holmes (\$5,848,806), Attala



(\$2,969,527), Choctaw (\$968,660), Oktibbeha (\$29,718), Clay (\$88,004), and Monroe (\$91,760).

The value of hardwood timber damaged is estimated at \$15,906,691; pine timber damaged is \$2,571,677; and mixed pine/hardwood timber damaged is \$606,510. The storm impacted most types of land ownerships, including private, state public lands (including 16<sup>th</sup> Section School Trust lands), urban, national forests, and national wildlife refuge lands.

MFC will post additional information concerning the timber damage assessment and storm recovery tips on its Web site at [www.mfc.ms.gov](http://www.mfc.ms.gov).

MFC's timber damage assessment does not account for individual or yard tree damage. The intent of the assessment is to identify damage to timber stands of commercial value and to facilitate timber salvage operations, if needed.

"On behalf of Mississippi's forestry and natural resources community, MFA proclaims a special thank you to the entire staff of the Mississippi Forestry Commission, many of whom have been hard at work on the ground and late at night helping residents and landowners since the storm hit April 24," said Bruce Alt, MFA executive vice president.

#### 2009 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year suffers direct hit

Julian Watson, Mississippi's 2009 Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year, suffered severe damage to 80 acres of 24-year-old pine plantation in the Conservation Reserve Program and 20 acres of natural hardwood in Holmes County. Many members of the county forestry associations in the affected counties have also suffered extensive timber damage. *MFA gratefully acknowledges Watson for contributing the lead story photo from his award-winning Holmes County Tree Farm.*

#### Wind Wood Utilization website to aid recovery from wind damage



Mississippi State University's College of Forest Resources created a website that will assist in recovery from large-scale wind events. "We have created a very comprehensive website that is full of information for landowners, foresters, and loggers at <http://www.windwoodutilization.org/>," said Dr. James Shepard, Associate Director of the Forest & Wildlife Research Center and the MS Water Resources Research Institute. Dr. Shepard also serves as MFA's 1<sup>st</sup> vice president.

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## Forestry & Natural Resources Webinar Series: Steps to

"I received a call from a landowner who had 50 acres of forest damaged by the April 24 tornadoes. She had found the website on the net."

"While the website is fully functional, we are still adding to and improving it. I'd appreciate hearing from MFA members about how to improve the site," Shepard said.

Dr. Shepard may be reached at [jshepard@cfr.msstate.edu](mailto:jshepard@cfr.msstate.edu)

## Timber owners may claim tornado losses



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Mississippi forest landowners with timber destroyed by the April 24 tornado may be eligible to claim a casualty loss. Dr. Debbie Gaddis, MSU Extension Service Taxation Specialist, said those owners who can claim a casualty loss will receive a tax deduction based on the loss of fair market value or their basis in the asset, whichever is less.

"Basis is the book value of an asset," Gaddis said. "When a forest is acquired, it has an initial basis, which is determined by how the property is acquired. For example, when timberland is inherited, an appraisal is used to determine the fair market value of timber. This value is recorded and becomes the timber basis. When the timber is sold, the part of the basis that applies to that sale is subtracted from the gross sales proceeds, along with sales expenses, to determine net taxable gain. It is also used to determine the amount of casualty loss that can be claimed after a catastrophic event," she said.

Different rules are used to determine the basis for timber that is inherited, given as a gift, purchased or planted as an investment. "The initial basis is adjusted over time as timber is sold or as costs are incurred that are not recovered through tax deductions or special incentives," Gaddis said. "The current basis in timber is called an adjusted basis."

"The bottom line for casualty loss deductions of timber is that if the landowner has a basis in the timber, he may deduct the loss in fair market value of the timber or the basis, whichever is less. If that person has no basis in timber, then there is no deductible loss. If there is a basis which has not been determined, then a consulting forester may be able to determine it by a retroactive basis determination."

Dr. Gaddis said landowners who take a casualty loss deduction for timber are required to salvage the timber, if possible. If the salvage results in a gain, the gain is taxable as a long- or short-term capital gain, depending

## Ensure Successful Hardwood Plantings (Artificial Regeneration)

**May 19, 2010**

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The MFA Members Only section

on [www.msforestry.net](http://www.msforestry.net) has been expanded to include archived issues of *Voice of Forestry* newsletters and *Tree Talk* magazines. The section also contains a searchable membership directory.

To access the Members Only section, go to [www.msforestry.net](http://www.msforestry.net). Your username is your email address. The password is mfa\_da.1.

on how long the timber has been owned. Landowners can reinvest gains from a casualty loss in like-kind replacement property and avoid being taxed on the gain. "There are very specific Internal Revenue Service regulations that must be followed to replace property," Gaddis said.

More information is available online at <http://msucare.com/forestry/disaster/index.html>.

### Watch your mail for eminent domain reform petition



MFA members should watch their mailboxes for their Spring 2010 *Tree Talk* magazine, which contains a copy of the statewide eminent domain petition sponsored by the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation.

More information is available at [www.savingmyland.org](http://www.savingmyland.org)

### MSU Budget Challenges



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Mississippi State University is facing a proposed budget reduction of over \$47 million in the next three years.

Dr. George Hopper, Dean and Director of the College of Forest Resources and Forest & Wildlife Research Center, informed MFA that *"Mississippi State University is moving ahead with recommendations of the faculty-led Select Committee on Efficiencies and Innovations. As you may recall, one of the recommendations was to create a new college that combines the existing Colleges of Forest Resources and Agriculture and Life Sciences and other component units on campus. The first step in determining if creation of a new college will provide needed cash benefits to the university was to develop organizational structures and determine the true cost savings from the proposed administrative reductions."*

President Ruth Cook and Richard Thoms, Chair of MFA's MSU Forestry Liaison Committee, have reported twice via e-mail to MFA members on developments in MSU's very challenging budget process, and to inform everyone about what MFA is doing to contribute to a positive future for the College of Forest Resources' vital teaching, research, and extension programs.

"We commend many of you for the commitment you have to the MSU College of Forest Resources. Please understand that all of MFA's leaders are committed to being constructive participants in this difficult process of changing MSU to meet new challenges. As strong and long-time supporters of the College of Forest Resources, we will only take a personal position that we

Once logged in, you may change your password to something familiar.

### 2010 Mid-South Forestry Equipment Show



The 2010 show is set for September 17-18 at the MSU Starr Memorial Forest near Starkville. For more information, contact Charles Burkhardt at [cburkhardt@cfr.msstate.edu](mailto:cburkhardt@cfr.msstate.edu)

### Prescribed Fire Council to meet May 6

The Mississippi Prescribed Fire Council's third annual meeting is **May 6** on the Mississippi State University campus. For information, visit [www.msfirecouncil.org](http://www.msfirecouncil.org) or contact Russ Walsh at [msfirecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:msfirecouncil@gmail.com) or 601-408-3399.

### Urban forestry workshops

"Shaping Public Policy Toward Green and Trees"  
May 26 and 27 - Pass Christian Public Library, Pass Christian  
June 23 and 24 - MS Natural Science Museum, Jackson

### "Basics of Tree Planting and Care"

May 6 - Sportsplex, Starkville  
May 14 - Train Depot, Laurel  
May 20 - Delta State University, Cleveland  
May 25 - O'Keefe Museum, Ocean Springs  
June 17 - City Hall, Terry

For additional information, contact [dyowell@aol.com](mailto:dyowell@aol.com) or [www.msurbanforest.com](http://www.msurbanforest.com) 601-672-0755

### Great Outdoors Initiative

On Friday April 16, President Obama launched the America's Great Outdoors Initiative, an

think will enhance the stature and quality of the teaching, research, and extension programs in the future. We wholeheartedly assure you this is true of everyone on the MFA MSU Forestry Liaison Committee, the MFA Executive Committee, and the MFA Staff whether they graduated from MSU or not." stated Cook and Thoms.

MFA leaders respect the rights of every individual to make their own decision and form their own opinion about proposed changes at MSU, to state their private opinion, and most importantly, to offer constructive feedback and potential solutions to the MSU leaders charged with developing and implementing necessary changes.

"MSU has never faced a 23% budget cut in a three year period and must now develop innovative strategies to minimize reductions in delivery of educational, research, and extension programs. The recommendation to form a new college and reduce administrative costs is designed to do just that. Continuing the current administrative structure will mean deeper cuts in programs. Avoiding change is simply not an option for responding to this budget crisis." explained Cook and Thoms.

The MSU administration has openly asked for input. Many members of our forestry and natural resources community have voiced their opinions, and some have offered constructive solutions. We encourage you to provide MSU's decision makers with your input and potential solutions. You may contact Dr. George Hopper at [ghopper@cfr.msstate.edu](mailto:ghopper@cfr.msstate.edu), Mail Stop 9680, Mississippi State, MS 39762-9680 or Dr. Gregory Bohach at [gbohach@dafvm.msstate.edu](mailto:gbohach@dafvm.msstate.edu), Box 9800, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

Helping MSU chart the future during these difficult times is a complex task and MFA will take a thoughtful, deliberate approach. All proposals and any recommendations will be fully vetted and your association's reasoned and respected *Voice of Forestry* decision-making process will be followed." assured President Cook.

### 2010 Mississippi Conservation Summit

#### Mississippi Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann announces the 2010 MS Conservation Summit

Mississippi's natural and wildlife resources are some of the most treasured assets to our State and to our citizens. For this reason, the Secretary of State's Office is hosting a conservation summit on 16th Section forestlands on May 11, 2010, at the Ethnic Heritage Building and Forestry Auditorium of the MS Agriculture and Forestry Museum located on Lakeland Drive in Jackson.

The Summit will bring together experts in various

interagency initiative to develop a federal land conservation strategy that leverages local land conservation efforts to reconnect Americans with the land. Obama spoke at the opening of the White House Conference on America's Great Outdoors, a half-day conference at the Department of Interior. The President signed a memorandum calling for the initiative to encourage outdoor recreation by Americans, create wildlife corridors across the landscape, and use science based management to restore and protect lands and waters.

As part of the initiative, the administration will hold public listening sessions around the country to discuss conservation strategies and gather input. A report will be published by November 15 containing an action plan to meet the initiative's goals as well as a review of non-federal conservation approaches and methods for federal resources to enhance the programs. No additional funding is tied to the initiative.

### Save the date! 2010 MFA Annual Meeting



**October 13 - 15**

Plan now to take "A Walk on the Wild Side." MFA's 72nd Annual Meeting is set for the Lake Terrace Convention Center, Hattiesburg. For information, contact Eleana Pope at 601-354-4936 or [epope@msforestry.net](mailto:epope@msforestry.net)

### Adopt a Stream Initiative

The Mississippi Wildlife Federation along with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will host a two-day Adopt-A-Stream workshop at John W. Kyle State Park near Sardis June 15-16.

conservation fields, as well as interested parties, to explore ideas about conserving our state's 16th Section natural and wildlife resources. Expert speakers will address popular topics concerning habitat management, timber, and conservation measures for deer, duck, and turkey.

"Mississippians have a long-standing interest in hunting and fishing, The Summit's goal is to identify ways not only to conserve those resources, but also to make our 16th Section lands more attractive to potential lessees through sound wildlife management practices. Funds generated from land leases go directly to our school districts, and that is why it is so important we study all means of preserving these valuable assets," said Secretary Hosemann.

Space is limited for this free event so make sure you reserve your spot early by contacting Pamela Weaver, communications director, at [pamela.weaver@sos.ms.gov](mailto:pamela.weaver@sos.ms.gov) or by calling 601-359-6349.

### Earth Day at MSU



"Every person you reach and educate is a win!" said Misty Booth, MFA Communications Committee vice chair, after interacting with Mississippi State University students during the on-

campus Earth Day Celebration on April 22.

Committee Chair Patrice O'Brien and Booth, pictured above, teamed up to represent MFA and quiz students about the number of forested acres in Mississippi, the importance of forestry to Mississippi's economy, and the effectiveness of voluntary Best Management Practices (BMPs). They rewarded all students who took the "sustainable forestry" quiz with an MFA *Forest Facts* flyer and fragrant cedar tree "cookies" crafted by committee member Harold Anderson. MSU College of Forest Resources student and Wildlife Law Enforcement Club president Derrick Scott distributed tree seedlings.

MFA thanks Misty, Harold, Derrick and Patrice for their "Voice of Forestry" leadership and personal commitment in promoting the forestry and natural resources community's contributions to Earth Day.

Follow these and other MFA events at [MFA on Facebook](#).

### Arrest in timber theft case

Adopt-A-Stream is a program that promotes environmental stewardship through training workshops, outdoor field activities and watershed action projects. The program provides an in-depth study of watersheds as well as hands-on training in chemical and biological parameters important to a healthy stream.

The workshop will increase awareness of nonpoint source pollution. It will introduce surveying and mapping, Scenic Streams in Mississippi, and possible actions that can be taken to help watersheds such as storm drain marking, stream cleanups and participation in World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD).

#### **Who Should Participate**

Educators, land managers, advocacy groups, Scout troop leaders, Envirothon team advisors, watershed team leaders, environmental educators, concerned citizens and others. For teachers, 2 CEU credits are available.

#### **Registration Information**

Registration is available on the Mississippi Wildlife Federation/Adopt-A-Stream website, [www.mswildlife.org](http://www.mswildlife.org). You may also contact Debra Veeder, Adopt-A-Stream coordinator, at 601-206-5703 or [dveeder@mswf.org](mailto:dveeder@mswf.org).

Following a six-month joint investigation by the Mississippi Secretary of State's office, the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce and the Mississippi Forestry Commission, 54-year-old Harold Edwin Simmons of Saucier has been arrested on three counts of timber theft. Simmons is accused in the theft of approximately \$375,000 worth of timber harvested from three separate 16th Section land tracts in Pearl River County. If convicted, Simmons faces up to 15 years in the state penitentiary and \$15,000 in fines and possible restitution.

"Stealing \$375,000 worth of timber is literally taking money from our schoolchildren," said Secretary of State Delbert Hosemann. "With schools having to make do with less, that money could have gone toward teacher salaries, building upgrades and the overall education of our children. We want everyone to be on notice that stealing from our school children will not be tolerated, and we will be watching. We intend to seek full restitution on behalf of the children in Pearl River County."

Timber theft is a growing problem across the state, accounting for over \$3,000,000 in losses over the last five years. "I urge all landowners, in both the public and private sector, to pay close attention to their timber investment for any instances of possible theft and contact our office if theft does indeed occur," said Dr. Lester Spell, Mississippi agriculture and commerce commissioner. "Anytime a theft occurs, it is disappointing, but in cases such as this, in which the timber theft occurred on 16th Section land dedicated to local school districts, it is especially disheartening."

"The goal of the Mississippi Forestry Commission is to maximize timber sale revenue on a sustainable basis. We want to ensure that school districts with 16th Section forestland receive every dollar generated from each timber sale made," said State Forester Charlie Morgan, Jr.

#### **Covington CFA raises funds for Children's Museum**



The Covington County Forestry Association recently raised over \$10,000 for the forestry exhibit at the new Mississippi Children's Museum when they hosted a steak dinner for approximately 150. The dinner and live

auction were held at the historic Mitchell Farms, a working farm and event venue near Collins. Guests toured the old and new structures at the farm, which is owned and managed by former Covington CFA

president Nelda Mitchell and her husband Dennis.

Amanda Box, a volunteer for the Mississippi Children's Museum and former MFA communications coordinator, presented a program about the museum and the forestry exhibit, and provided an update on construction. Museum opening festivities are set for December 2010. "Much of the funds raised at the dinner were through a live auction conducted by Roy Holder, a forester by day and an auctioneer by night," said Eleana Pope, MFA program and events coordinator. According to Covington CFA and MFA board member Don Williams (pictured above), the local community and the area forestry community provided the auction items that included everything from a birdhouse and original artwork to tools for foresters and MSU football tickets.

"Covington CFA President Irving Hitt, members of the Covington CFA Board, County Extension Director Carolyn Conger and County Forester Jim Bush all did an outstanding job of coordinating this successful event," Pope said. Among Mississippi's CFAs, Covington CFA has raised the largest amount of funding for the forestry exhibit and they encourage other CFAs to host an event.

#### **MFA events and dates**

#### **2010 Outstanding Logger of the Year**

**The 2010 Logger of the Year nominations deadline has been extended to Monday, May 31.** Please contact John Auel at [jauel@cfr.msstate.edu](mailto:jauel@cfr.msstate.edu) or call 662-325-7948 for information. Mail nominations to: John B. Auel, Department of Forestry, Box 9681, Mississippi State, MS 39762. Nomination forms are available on the MFA website at <http://www.msforestry.net/nominations.php>.

MFA's Timber Harvesting Committee would like to encourage all county forestry associations to consider nominating a professional logger from their area. This provides an opportunity for CFAs to honor a local businessperson who is making a positive impact on forestry.

#### **Tree Farm Inspector training and training for consulting foresters**

In 2010, all Tree Farm Inspectors must either take online refresher training or attend a Tree Farm Inspector training session conducted by a qualified facilitator. This new training requirement is a result of the new 2010-2014 American Forest Foundation Standards of Sustainability. The online refresher training will be available soon via the American Tree Farm System website.

In 2010-2011, the Mississippi Tree Farm Committee will be administering a new incentive program (cost-share)

to encourage consulting foresters to prepare written management plans for PNIF owners. This new program is available as a result of a grant project involving the Mississippi Forestry Commission, MSU Extension Forestry, and the Mississippi Tree Farm Committee.

You must be a qualified Tree Farm Inspector to participate in the cost-share program. Please email Tree Farm Coordinator Tom Monaghan at [tomm@msforestry.net](mailto:tomm@msforestry.net) for future training dates and locations.

### **How to have a Firewise Home Awareness Workshop**

This workshop provides homeowners with tools to assess the vulnerability of their home to wildland fire and to encourage sound land-use planning. All area stakeholders should attend, but homeowners will be the focus.

Saturday, June 5, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Community House, Carrollton

The workshop is free; however, please register by calling the Carroll County Extension Office at 662-237-6926 or 662-237-4413.

Lunch, refreshments and educational materials are provided. Continuing Education Credits are available for registered foresters, certified loggers and Realtors.

### **2010 MFA Teachers Conservation Workshop**

MFA is now accepting registrations for the two 2010 sessions of Teachers Conservation Workshop. The workshops are scheduled for June 6-11 at Jones County Junior College, Ellisville and June 13-18 at Northeast Mississippi Community College, Booneville.

An application is available at [http://www.msforestry.net/pdf/2010\\_TCW\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.msforestry.net/pdf/2010_TCW_brochure.pdf).

### **2010 MFA Strategic Planning Retreat MFA's Executive Committee and 2010 committee**

**leaders** are working together to develop your association's next three-year Strategic Plan. The draft Plan will be presented to the MFA Board of Directors for review and approval.

### **2010 MFA Officers**

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*MFA's vision is to serve as the Voice of Forestry in Mississippi. Our mission is leading diverse forestry groups to promote landowner rights, environmental stewardship, member prosperity and community understanding.*

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