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## **Dauterive Accepts Fire Chief Position with Forestry Commission**

Jackson, MS-- Dennis Dauterive from Winona, Mississippi, has accepted the position of Fire Chief of the Mississippi Forestry Commission's Fire Services Division. As Fire Chief, Dauterive will be responsible for the overall management of several departments and federal grants providing fire support services to the agency as well as to volunteer fire departments. He officially assumed the role as Fire Chief on December 1, 2007.

The Fire Services Division includes departments such as Hazard Mitigation and Preparedness, Aviation, Communications, Federal Excess Personal Property, Fire Law Enforcement, and the Forestry Commission's State Coordination Center. In matters of fire management, Dauterive will serve as the Forestry Commission's liaison to the National Forests of Mississippi, USDA Forest Service (Region Eight), and the Southern Group of State Foresters.

"The Fire Chief position represents a key leadership role in regard to the agency's responsibility of providing effective wildfire protection and service not only to the landowners of Mississippi, but also to other states when faced with a wildfire crisis," said Charlie Morgan, State Forester of the Mississippi Forestry Commission. "I am confident in Dennis's leadership abilities, and I'm sure he will be very successful in his new position as Fire Chief."

Dauterive replaces Bill Lambert as the Mississippi Forestry Commission's Fire Chief. Lambert will continue to serve the Forestry Commission in the area of Forest Protection Policy and Procedures and on special project assignments. Dauterive and Lambert will report to Kent Grizzard, Manager of the Office of Forest Protection and Information.

Dauterive's career track with the Mississippi Forestry Commission includes serving as forester for Montgomery County (1990-93) and as Protection Forester for the agency's Northwest District (1993-2007), under the supervision of District Forester Bobby Edwards.

Dauterive received a BS degree in Forestry from LSU in 1982. He is a registered forester in Mississippi, licensed by the Mississippi Board of Registration for Foresters. Dauterive has completed training in a variety of Incident Command System courses related to fire suppression, management, prevention, and training.

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*The Mississippi Forestry Commission is a public service agency charged by state law to provide wildfire protection on forested and uncultivable lands in the state. The agency provides active forest management on non-federal public forestland and offers forest management advice and assistance to private nonindustrial forest landowners. The mission of the Mississippi Forestry Commission 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.*