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### **Forestry Commission Hires Ted Ratcliff as Service Forester**

Brookhaven, MS—Ted Ratcliff of Brookhaven was recently hired as a Service Forester with the Mississippi Forestry Commission.

As a Service Forester, Ratcliff is responsible for delivering all Forestry Commission programs within his service area, which is primarily Franklin and Jefferson Counties. Commission programs include wildfire protection, Sixteenth Section forest management, and forestry technical assistance and advice provided to private landowners.

Ratcliff works under the direct supervision of Randy Chapin, District Forester of the Forestry Commission's Southwest District, which is headquartered in Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Ratcliff graduated from Mississippi State University in 1976 with a degree in Forestry. Ted brings over thirty years of forestry and natural resource management experience to the Forestry Commission. Ratcliff has worked for Masonite Corporation and owned Ratcliff Forestry, a forestry and land management consulting firm.

Ted and his wife Cindy have one son, Tedrick. Ted also serves as a Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America and is an active Exchangite and Mason.

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The Mississippi Forestry Commission asks that you **Don't Burn on Windy Days**. Check with local officials for burn ban information.