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**MISSISSIPPI STATE PERSONNEL BOARD APPROVES REQUEST FROM  
MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY COMMISSION FOR REDUCTION-IN-FORCE**

Jackson, Miss. (July 21, 2016) – The Mississippi State Personnel Board today approved a request from the Mississippi Forestry Commission for a reduction-in-force affecting 25 filled positions and six vacant positions.

The reduction-in-force affects positions within the Fire Law Enforcement section and the Fleet Management section, as well as positions within the Equipment Repair Supervisor, Equipment Mechanic, Equipment Mechanic Master, Personnel Officer IV, Administrative Assistant I, and Administrative Assistant III classifications.

“The Mississippi State Personnel Board evaluated the request from the Mississippi Forestry Commission and determined that the agency followed the proper policies and procedures for implementing the reduction-in-force based on shortage of funds,” said Deanne Mosley, Executive Director of the Mississippi State Personnel Board.

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