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Pictured: MFA President Gary Blair, Robby Toombs, and MFA Executive Vice President Tedrick Ratcliff

### **Robby Toombs Receives Mississippi Forestry Association's 2017 Meritorious Service to Forestry Award**

Jackson, Miss. - Mississippi Forestry Association (MFA) named Robby Toombs of Brandon, as the recipient of the 2017 MFA Meritorious Service to Forestry Award. MFA presented the award at its annual President's Banquet, a highlight of the 2017 MFA Annual Meeting in Biloxi. The Meritorious Service to Forestry Award is MFA's highest honor. This award recognizes an outstanding lifetime contribution to forestry. Each year the winner is chosen collectively by previous recipients of the award.

Toombs is employed with Resource Management Service, LLC as Region Manager. He is a long-time member of the MFA Board of Directors and Government Affairs Committee. Toombs is also a Past President of the Mississippi Forestry Association as well as the Rankin County Forestry Association.

MFA Executive Vice President Tedrick Ratcliff commented on Toombs' dedication to MFA stating, "Robby has spent countless hours throughout his career engaged in critical policy issues impacting the entire value chain of forestry. The MFA team is thankful to have dedicated volunteers like Robby Toombs."

Mississippi Forestry Association's vision is to serve as the "Voice of Forestry" in Mississippi. MFA's mission is leading diverse groups to promote landowner rights, environmental stewardship, member prosperity, and community understanding. MFA members and staff work to accomplish the mission by conducting public affairs, communication, and education programs that will foster better understanding and

appreciation of conservation, development, and use of forestland and resources. To learn more, visit [www.msforestry.net](http://www.msforestry.net).

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