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Pictured: Outstanding Youth Forestry Leader Ray Henderson, Outstanding Youth Forestry Achievement winner Ashlyn Henderson, MFA Youth Forestry Committee Chairman Keith Ward

Father-Daughter Duo, Ray and Ashlyn Henderson, Receive Mississippi Forestry Association's Outstanding Youth Forestry Leader and Outstanding Youth Forestry Achievement Awards

Jackson, Miss. - Mississippi Forestry Association (MFA) named Ashlyn Henderson of Waynesboro, as the 2019 MFA Outstanding Youth Forestry Achievement Award recipient. MFA presented the award at its annual President's Banquet, a highlight of the 2019 MFA Annual Meeting in Jackson. Ashlyn is currently a sophomore at Wayne Academy.

Ashlyn is actively involved in 4-H and placed first overall individual in the 2019 Mississippi Senior 4-H Forestry Judging Competition and first place in the 2019 4-H Blue Ribbon Record Book on Forestry. She has also been a member and volunteer of the Wayne County Forestry Association since 2012.

Ray Henderson works for the U.S. Forest Service and was chosen as the recipient of the 2019 MFA Outstanding Youth Forestry Leader Award. Ray has participated in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4-H Forestry since he was a student and has served as a 4-H coach since the 1990s. This year he helped coach Ashlyn, as well as two other students from Wayne County who were the first and second high scoring individuals in the 2019 4-H Southeast District Junior Forestry Competition.

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.