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Workshop focuses on outdoor recreational businesses

MISSISSIPPI STATE – Fee fishing, fee hunting, recreational trails, and sporting clays are among outdoor recreational businesses based on Mississippi's natural resources that will be discussed at an April 28th workshop in Clarksdale, MS.

A one-day workshop for farmers, landowners, recreationalists, and resource managers will provide attendees with the resources to start and manage a natural resource enterprise. Whether you actively lease land for hunting and fishing recreation or are just looking for ways to increase revenue from your property this workshop is for you. This event will be hosted by Duncan Williams and held at the William Farm in Clarksdale, MS, Coahoma County. The Williams farm features quail, dove, waterfowl, and deer hunting, recreational angling, and a lodging operation.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m., workshop participants will hear presentations about business management, marketing and customer satisfaction, types of outdoor recreational enterprises, landowner cost share programs, and liability issues.

In the afternoon, participants will be taken into the field to learn about wildlife habitat management techniques and outdoor recreational enterprises such as fee fishing and hunting.

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Specialists will also discuss wildlife habitat management, shooting sports, recreational angling, and quail and native grassland management.

This workshop is part of a series by the Natural Resource Enterprises Program at Mississippi State University. This program is a partnership with MSU's Extension Service, MSU's Forest and Wildlife Research Center, the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We are also looking forward to partnering with the Natural Resources Conservation Service on this event to further assist landowners interested in federal conservation programs and other conservation farming practices.

MSU's Extension Service, MAFES and the FWRC cooperatively created and implemented the Natural Resource Enterprises Program to assist private landowners in developing alternative or supplemental methods of income on their land.

Registration for the workshop is \$25, which includes a reference notebook, lunch, breaks, presentations by resource professionals, and a field tour with agency personnel. Early registration is recommended due to space limitations.

For more information about the workshop or to register visit <http://www.wildlifeworkshop.msstate.edu> or call (662) 325-3133.