

Mississippi

Ecological Services Field Office

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Federally threatened gopher tortoise in a burrow.

photo: David Felder



Long leaf pine forest in south Mississippi

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Endangered Species Day outreach event

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Mission Statement: The Mississippi Field Office (MSFO) will work proactively with other Service programs and external partners to conserve and enhance trust species and their habitats. We will strive to be dedicated and professional, promoting scientific excellence and a strategic approach to address landscape scale conservation, not only in Mississippi but throughout the Southeast.

Locations: Main office in Jackson. Satellite offices in Starkville, Carrollton, Bay St. Louis, and Hattiesburg.

Staff:
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What we do:

- Endangered species listing and recovery: MSFO staff has the lead responsibility for 51 listed species, 10 candidate species, and numerous species at risk.
- Provide assistance to federal agencies regarding habitat management and protection of listed species through consultations under the Endangered Species Act.
- Partnering programs to promote proactive habitat restoration.

Activity highlights:

- Lower Mississippi River Conservation- Partnering with federal and state agencies to establish a strategic habitat conservation plan which addresses conservation plans of river channel habitats and three endangered species, pallid sturgeon, interior least tern, and the fat pocketbook mussel.
- Gopher tortoise – established a range wide recovery plan
- The Buttahatchie Watershed Initiative
- Bayou Pierre Watershed Initiative
- Long-Leaf pine habitat restoration in south Mississippi