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Inmates assist in fighting Southern Hills fires

Pierre, S.D. – State prison inmates assisted in fighting two fires in the Southern Black Hills this past weekend.

On Friday, May 7th, 40 inmates and three correctional staff from the Rapid City Trusty Unit (RCTU) were called to assist in fighting a fire near Hot Springs. Twenty inmates and two staff returned to assist with mop-up duties on Saturday, May 8th.

On Sunday, May 9th, 18 inmates and two staff from RCTU were deployed to a fire in Custer State Park.

All of the inmates and staff on the fire line are wildland fire trained and certified firefighters.

State prison inmates have been deployed to five fires this year.