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Inmates Do Community Service Work at Lake Thompson

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State prison inmates are helping prepare the recreation area at Lake Thompson today. Fifty inmates from Unit C of the Jameson Annex of the South Dakota State Penitentiary are working with the Game, Fish and Parks Department on the lake's recreation area, southeast of DeSmet.

The work is also part of an emergency response drill for the inmates and corrections staff. Inmates are used to help clean up after disasters such as the Spencer tornado last spring. In order to stay prepared, drills are held to make sure the inmate crews and staff is ready to respond at any time for any emergency in which they are needed. "This training tests our disaster readiness, while also providing inmate labor to complete a project that benefits all of South Dakota", says Secretary of Corrections Jeff Bloomberg.

The inmate crews will put in fifty man days of work in just one day.