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Inmates Deployed to Wall Canyon Fire

(Pierre) - State prison inmates are once again along the front lines of a wildfire.

Twenty inmates from the Custer Trusty Unit were deployed this morning to help fight the Wall Canyon Fire near Hot Springs.

All of the inmates on the fire lines are Forest Service trained and certified firefighters.

Inmate crews have worked more than 17-thousand hours as certified firefighters on twenty-three wildfires and forest fires in the state during the past year, including the Grizzly Gulch Fire near Deadwood and the Battle Creek Fire near Rockerville earlier this summer.

For more information on the inmate fire suppression work, go to the Department of Corrections website at http://www.state.sd.us/corrections/fire_suppression.htm.