Inmates Called to Curley Canyon Fire

(Pierre) – State prison inmates have been called to help fight a fire in the Southern Black Hills.

Twenty inmates were dispatched to the Curley Canyon Fire at the Centennial Trailhead off Highway 87 near Wind Cave National Park at 3:00 p.m. MT Tuesday.

Sixty other prison inmates have been assisting with the Merchen Fire near Pactola Reservoir for the past two days.

All of the inmates on the Curley Canyon Fire and the Merchen Fire are wildland fire trained and certified firefighters.

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