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Inmates assisting with fire near Pringle

Pierre, S.D. – State prison inmates have been deployed to assist with suppression efforts on a fire in the Black Hills.

Twenty inmates and two staff from the Rapid City Trusty Unit were called this afternoon to help fight the Dark Canyon Fire approximately two miles northwest of Pringle.

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

This is the eighth fire that inmate firefighters have been deployed to during 2004.