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Inmates to assist with Fall River County project

Pierre, S.D. – State prison inmates will assist with a community service project in Fall River County beginning Monday, August 22nd.

Twenty inmates and two staff from the Rapid City Minimum Unit will be deployed to Fall River County to assist with flood prevention work. The primary function will be to remove debris and clean areas along riverbanks that may cause downstream blockage in the event of storms or flooding.

The project is expected to take one week to complete.

State prison inmates performed more than 2-point-3 million hours of work during 2004, including 93-thousand hours of work on special projects for communities in South Dakota. Inmates have done several community service projects in Hot Springs and Fall River County in the past few years, including replacing 25-thousand square feet of floor tile for the Hot Springs school district in 2003. Inmate crews also built a shelter for a daycare center playground on the grounds of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center last year.