



South Dakota Communities Receive Rural Fire Assistance Northern Great Plains Fire Management, South Dakota National Fire Plan – Firefighting

Volunteer Fire Departments in the South Dakota communities of Argyle, Pringle, Hot Springs, Cascade, Highlands, Hermosa, and Kadoka were awarded over \$64,000 in Rural Fire Assistance (RFA) funding. They have used the funding to purchase radios, personal protective equipment (PPE), and training materials. For some of the departments, this is the first year they have received Rural Fire Assistance.

Over the past years, all of the departments that received the rural fire assistance this year have assisted National Park Service units in the South Dakota portion of the Northern Great Plains area on wildland fires, vehicle fires, and prescribed fires.

Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Jewel Cave National Monument, Wind Cave National Park and Badlands National Park have benefited and will continue to benefit through their partnerships with the local departments as well as the RFA Program.

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Volunteer fire departments are on site every year for the annual Independence Day fireworks display at Mount Rushmore National Memorial.



A volunteer fire department assists with a wildfire at Mount Rushmore National Memorial.