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GCC Inmates Successfully Complete Wildland Fire Training *Inmate Work Group Passed DNR Training Course*

GORDON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources now has additional resources to help fight wildfires. A group of 12 inmates at Gordon Correctional Center (GCC) in Douglas County has successfully completed the 2012 DNR Wildland Fire Training class, enabling the inmates to assist in fire fighting efforts.

During a time of dry weather and the danger of wildfires occurring in Wisconsin, the DNR Forestry Department in Gordon can now call GCC and have 12 extra men assist them if the need arises.

The inmates had to complete an ICS-100 (Introduction to Incident Command System) course and 40 hours of Wildland Fire Fighting classroom training. After completing classroom training, the inmates had a full day of hands-on training. This included using fire hoses, hand tools and applying their new skills to contain and mop up a controlled burn.

GCC sergeants Dave Sperling and James Kuffel, who were also trained to fight wildland fires, accompanied the inmates during their training. They both agreed that this was one of their best groups to date. The last training attended by GCC inmates was three years ago.

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