

Press Release

FALL RIVER COUNTY, SD

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Wildfire in Hot Brook Canyon

A wildfire was reported to the Fall River County dispatch at 15:39 on March 12, 2026. Original report of fire to dispatch was made by on-duty highway patrol officer, Zach Bader.

This wildfire has been named the Hot Brook Fire. The wildfire is located along the cliff rim of Hot Brook Canyon. This is in the Hot Springs fire district.

The public is urged to avoid the area. The county road in Hot Brook Canyon is open for local traffic only due to fire traffic and smoky conditions. Hot Brook Canyon Road has few shoulders or places to pull off. Unnecessary or parked traffic can create considerable issues.

There are no evacuations currently. However, people in the canyon should be in 'Ready' status. This means having a plan in place for where to go and how to communicate with family. Also having a 'go bag' prepared and a list of items you need to take with you so that nothing important is left during an evacuation.

There have been no reports of structures lost at this time. One home was threatened early in the fire. A backburn behind that structure has provided some protection.

The fire was last reported as 5 acres. Information regarding the size and cause of the fire can be found on the following website: <http://www.wildcad.net/WCSD-GPC.htm>.

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