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Inmate crews return to East Ridge Fire

Pierre, S.D. - State prison inmates have returned to the East Ridge Fire today.

Two separate crews consisting of twenty inmates each and staff from the Rapid City Minimum Unit returned early this morning to assist with mopping up the fire near Piedmont. Two inmate crews also assisted with the fire on Sunday.

All of the inmates and staff are trained and certified wildland firefighters.

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