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Inmates, Juvenile Offenders Assisting with Storm Cleanup

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(Pierre) - Prison inmates and juvenile offenders are assisting with cleanup efforts following last month's snowstorm in the Black Hills.

Prison trustees put in more than 1,120 man-hours in Custer State Park from April 20-April 28th. Trustees are repairing damaged roofs on buildings and cleaning up debris from campground and picnic areas in the park.

Juveniles from the Brady Boot Camp and Living Center A at the Custer Youth Corrections Center (CYCC) have completed more than 1,080 man-hours of work since the storm hit. The juveniles are repairing the perimeter fence at Custer State Park and working with the Department of Transportation on clearing brush from downed and damaged trees near Iron Mountain Road and around Custer State Park. The youth have also assisted with cleanup efforts in the cities of Custer, Edgemont and Hot Springs.

"Both the adult inmates and the juveniles feel good about helping out during times like this," says Corrections Secretary Jeff Bloomberg. "Everyone benefits from a cooperative effort like this."

The trusty crew is scheduled to remain in the Custer area through the week with 1-thousand additional man-hours of work anticipated. CYCC crews will also remain on cleanup efforts as needed.