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Inmates Assisting With Fighting Little Elk Creek Fire

(Pierre) - State prison inmates are among the firefighters along the fire lines in the Black Hills.

One hundred twenty inmates are assisting fighting the Little Elk Creek fire near Piedmont. The crew is made up of 80 inmates from the Custer Trusty Unit in Custer, 28 inmates from the Mike Durfee State Prison in Springfield and 12 inmates from the Yankton Trusty Unit.

All of the inmates on the fire lines are Forest Service trained and certified firefighters.

Inmates also assisted in fighting the Grizzly Gulch Fire near Deadwood earlier this month.

For more information on the inmate fire suppression work, go to the Department of Corrections website at http://www.state.sd.us/corrections/fire_suppression.htm.