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Inmates Assisting with Black Hills Fire

(Pierre) – Twenty state prison inmates are assisting with efforts to extinguish a fire near Rapid City.

The inmates were called this morning to assist with the Mill Drive Fire.

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

Inmate crews have worked more than 13-thousand hours on 15 fires in the Black Hills during 2003.

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.