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Inmate Crew Helping Fight Crow Peak Fire

(Pierre) - State prison inmates are assisting with efforts to fight a fire in the Northern Black Hills.

Twenty inmates from the Custer Trusty Unit were called to help fight the Crow Peak fire west of Spearfish on Saturday, July 19th. The same inmate crew returned to the fire scene again Sunday, July 20th.

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

Inmate crews worked more than 17-thousand hours as certified firefighters on twenty-three wildfires and forest fires in the state during 2002.

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.