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### **Inmates Assisting with Black Hills Fire**

(Pierre) – Sixty state prison inmates are assisting with a fire near Pactola Reservoir in the Black Hills.

Two twenty-man crews were called out to the Merchen Fire at about 7:00 Monday evening. Another twenty-man crew was dispatched to the fire Tuesday morning.

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

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](http://www.state.sd.us/corrections/fire_suppression.htm).