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Inmates assisting with Black Hills fires

Pierre, S.D. – State prison inmates continue to assist with fighting fires in the Black Hills.

Twenty inmates from the minimum-security unit in Rapid City remain on the line of the Ricco Fire near Piedmont this morning. They were deployed to that fire on July 9th and July 10th.

Another crew of nineteen inmates from the Rapid City unit assisted with containing the Alkali Fire south of Sturgis over the weekend.

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

Department of Corrections fire crews worked more than 44-hundred hours on twenty-one fires in 2004.