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**Portion of STAR Academy evacuated due to fire threat**

Pierre, S.D. – The East Campus of the State Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR) Academy was evacuated as a precaution today because of a nearby fire.

The EXCEL and QUEST programs for girls in Custer State Park were evacuated by the Department of Corrections after a fire was reported near the facility, which was originally known as the Nils A. Boe Youth Forestry Camp.

Fire crews were on the scene at the time of the evacuation. Even though there was no immediate danger, youth were transported to the STAR Academy West Campus south of Custer.

The fire has since been controlled.

Department officials will determine when youth are returned to East campus.