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DOC crews begin storm cleanup work

(Sioux Falls, S.D.)- State prison inmates and Department of Corrections staff members from the South Dakota State Penitentiary have begun to assist local emergency officials with storm cleanup efforts in the Sioux Falls area.

The DOC crews are part of a multi-agency effort to assist with cleanup efforts. There are five DOC crews, made up of ten minimum-security inmates and one DOC staff member each. The crews consist of hand laborers and trained chain saw operators. Tree limbs and branches are being cut into smaller sections and then loaded into waiting trucks for removal.

The DOC crews will be working in areas identified by the local emergency officials.