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### DOC Crews Continue Assisting With Blizzard Clean Up Efforts

(PIERRE, S.D.)- Department of Corrections inmates and staff members are continuing to assist several communities in the Black Hills with clean up efforts following the Oct. 4 blizzard.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard ordered the crews to the Black Hills at the request of local officials.

A crew of 20 minimum-security inmates began assisting the City of Sturgis this morning. Additional 20-inmate crews are continuing to assist in Rapid City and in Spearfish.

Twenty inmates will begin assisting the City of Belle Fourche on Oct. 17.

Crews will be moved between communities as needed.

All of the inmates involved are housed at the Rapid City Minimum Unit.

The crews are working under the direction of the South Dakota Office of Emergency Management.

For more information on DOC Emergency Response teams, visit our website at: <http://doc.sd.gov/adult/work/emergency.aspx>.

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Our mission is to protect the citizens of South Dakota by providing safe and secure facilities for juvenile and adult offenders committed to our custody by the courts. To provide effective community supervision to offenders upon their release and to utilize evidence-based practices to maximize opportunities for rehabilitation.