



Deadwood City Commission
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South Dakota Department of Public Safety
Attn: Secretary Craig Price
118 West Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

Dear Secretary Price:

This letter is written in support of the SD Division of Wildland Fire retaining its office space in Lead, South Dakota.

Concentrating the agency's local resources in Spearfish would significantly impair response time to the Lead-Deadwood communities. The Grizzly Gulch Fire is an excellent example of why response time is critical for public safety and the protection of resources.

Currently, and in the recent past, there has been a high volume of residential subdivision and development in southern Lawrence County. Many of the new houses constructed are within heavily forested areas.

It is of high importance that resources can be timely deployed when needed.

For these reasons, the Deadwood City Commission supports the request of the Lead/Deadwood Fire District for the SD Division of Wildland Fire to maintain its office and resources in southern Lawrence County.

City Commission,

David Ruth Jr., Mayor