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(S.D.)-Fires Still Causing Troubles Across The State

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) - Wildfires continue to cause problems in the Dakotas, from shutting down a stretch of interstate to destroying a fire truck.

Smoke from a grassland fire in south central South Dakota shut down a 15-mile stretch of Interstate 90 Wednesday night. Several other fires burned across the state Thursday, including one near Wessington in the east that scorched about 320 acres and prompted the evacuation of one home. In the west, fire crews did mop-up work on a blaze that threatened several homes west of Rapid City earlier in the week.

In western North Dakota, the Killdeer Fire Department lost a pumper truck when its engine failed while crews were fighting a blaze that prompted the evacuation of one home. A fire on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation burned more than 1,000 acres, or about 1 1/2 square miles.

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