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(S.D.)-Ellsworth Training Flights Grounded To Cut Costs



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RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) - B-1 bomber training flights at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota are being grounded as part of larger Air Force efforts to save nearly \$300 million.

The military is halting training operations for 12 active-duty fighter and bomber squadrons across the U.S. The budget-cutting move doesn't affect active military operations.

Ellsworth officials say the base will focus on non-flying training such as simulators until the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30.

Ellsworth bombers that are deployed in support of combat operations will continue to fly.