

Bismarck Transition Center inmates help with sandbagging

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Inmates at the Bismarck Transition Center have been helping with flood-fighting efforts, and they are looking for people to help.

Kevin Arthaud, administrator of the facility, said the men held at the transition center have been helping sandbag the last few days on a voluntary basis while they aren't at work.

BTC is a 155-bed facility that works to ease selected male prisoners back into the community. The facility also holds some nonviolent inmates before trials and some people serving municipal court sentences. Some of the inmates can only go out with staff as security, but about half can go out as needed, Arthaud said. The inmates have been volunteering at sandbag sites but also will be available to help out at homes. Anyone who would like assistance from BTC should call 222-3440 and press three for an RA.

Inmates from the Burleigh County Detention Center and the Missouri River Correctional Center also have been helping fill sandbags.