

# Wildfire Awareness Month Coloring Contest Winners Announced

**RAPID CITY, S.D.** – Announcing the South Dakota Wildfire Awareness Month's Coloring Contest winners! Congratulations to Bree Canfield of Spearfish for winning the three to seven age group and Aspen Dorr of Canistota for winning the eight to 12 age group. They each will be awarded a plush Smokey Bear toy.

There were 501 entries in the three to seven age group and 514 entries in the eight to 12 age group. Out of the 1,015 entries, a grueling decision was made on two masterpieces to win and represent the theme of "Tame the Flame." To view the winners, visit <http://www.sdwildfireawareness.com/> and click on "Coloring Contest Winners!".

South Dakota Wildfire Awareness Month is planned by interagency cooperation and was created to promote wildfire awareness, safety and prevention through public events held throughout South Dakota to remind citizens of the dangers of wildland fire and the simple steps that should be followed to prepare for and prevent them. This year South Dakota has joined a multi-state proclamation with six other states in promoting Wildfire Awareness during the month of May 2015.

To learn more about South Dakota Wildland Fire Awareness Month and to see other events, please visit our website: [www.sdwildfireawareness.com](http://www.sdwildfireawareness.com).

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walking, or a combination of those factors.

### Health

The risk of increased disease is a common concern. However, the producer panelists did not report significant health issues. Some of the reasons they gave included the ability to treat cows and calves in a timelier manner and improved ability to meet the cattle's nutritional

needs. They also worked closely with their veterinarians to develop vaccination and treatment protocols.

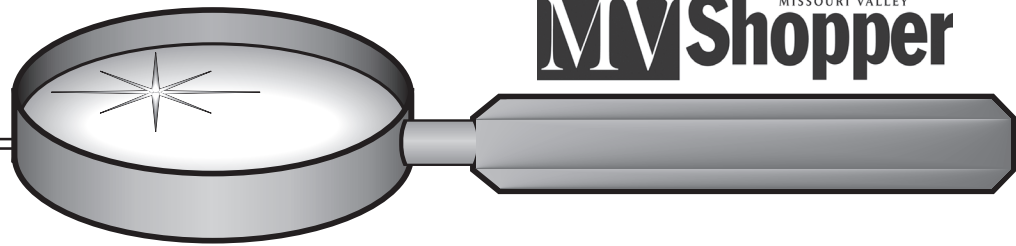
Other items to consider are bio-security and minimizing stress factors. In a poster presented at the 2015 Midwest Animal Science meetings, researchers from Nebraska reported that treatment rates for calves in an intensively managed environment were 0 percent in year one but 84 percent in year two. These differences were attributed to weather stress (October snow) combined with exposure to a set of calves that had been shipped in to

the facility. calves. This points out that producers need to keep calves isolated if they are also bringing in other cattle.

"Agriculture has adapted to changing environmental and economic conditions many times in the past; the cow/calf business is no exception," Rusche said. "Managing cows and calves more intensively in a semi-confinement system is a potential option to deal with the economic realities of the beef business and adapt to changing environmental conditions."

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