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National Park Service Designates Milford Mine as Historic Place

The National Park Service in Washington DC has announced that Milford Mine Historic District is officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Register of Historic Places is the formal record of the Nation's historic places and can include districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects. These places must meet strict criteria in order to be listed in the National Register.

The Milford Mine Historic District is the site where forty-one miners lost their lives in the worst mining disaster in Minnesota history in 1924. The site is located on the Cuyuna Iron Range, northwest of Crosby and covers approximately 180 acres of Crow Wing County managed land. It is located within the boundaries of the Milford Mine Memorial Park.

“The Milford Mine is a significant part of our culture and history in Crow Wing County,” said County Commissioner Doug Houge. “The fact that it has now been placed on the national register really solidifies its place in our country’s history”.

Crow Wing County is currently working on a four phase project to complete the memorial park. Phase one, which was completed last fall, included the construction of an access road, parking lot and canoe launch. Future construction phases will include walking trails, a picnic shelter and interpretive and educational signs. The County has applied for a Legacy Parks and Trails Grant to complete phases two and three of this project.

The County manages 103,000 acres of forest land for timber production and diverse recreational opportunities for multiple users. The sale of timber at public auctions during the year funds the County’s management of these lands, while providing revenues to local communities. County forest lands are managed to strict environmental standards established by both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative™ and the Forest Stewardship Council™ certification standards.

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