

# NEWS



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### **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Milford Mine Tragedy**

Crow Wing County Land Services Department is hosting a public gathering at the Milford Mine Memorial Park on Wednesday February 5 2014 to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the underground mine collapse at the Milford Mine. It was on February 5, 1924 when 41 miners tragically lost their lives in the catastrophic collapse of the underground Milford Mine, located 4 miles north of Crosby, MN.

Crow Wing County Natural Resource Manager, Bryan Pike, stated “This is a significant date in history on the Cuyuna Iron Range and the first event planned within the boundaries of the recently developed Milford Mine Memorial Park that recognizes that date as the worst mining disaster in Minnesota’s mining history.”

The gathering will begin at the park shelter at 11:00 am. School bus transportation will be provided at Crosby City Hall with the bus departing at 10:40 am and returning by 12:15 pm. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 12:15 at Crosby City Hall.

Milford Mine Memorial Park is located 4 miles north of Crosby on Hwy. 6, left on Co. Rd. 30 for 0.3 miles, then left at the park sign. The public gathering will occur at the picnic shelter which is located a few hundred feet from the underground mine collapse. Attendees will learn about that tragic day in history, hear the reading of the names of the miners lost and learn about additional park development plans for 2014. Crow Wing County encourages and welcomes the public to attend this gathering.

The County manages 105,000 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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