

To: Mineland Vision Partnership

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Re: Cuyuna Range Update

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Not a great deal has changed since our last update in June of this year. The redevelopment of Crosby continues to move ahead, with commercial expansion in the downtown area continuing, at a somewhat slower pace than anticipated. Trail expansion at the Cuyuna Regional Recreational Area, funded by recent legislative action, continues toward the doubling of the length of the mountain bike trails in the Recreation Area. As you know, the entire structure is built upon the pits and stockpiles left from iron ore mining which ceased on the Cuyuna Range nearly eighty (80) years ago.

In Emily, the significant manganese deposits owned by Cooperative Mineral Resources, a subsidiary of Crow Wing Power, continues to attract international interest. Earlier in the year, Cooperative signed a set of agreements to work with North Star Manganese, Inc. These agreements will hopefully pave the way for the planning and advancement of mining operations in Emily, although nothing of a public nature has occurred since the signing of these documents in April. North Star is an American company developing a portfolio of mining assets related to manganese minerals for the energy sector.

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