

## Memorandum

To: Mineland Visioning Partnership

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As was the case during our last meeting, activity in the Cuyuna Range continues to be slow. Two points of interest should be noted, however.

- Economic development in the Crosby area continues to move forward driven to a large degree by the ongoing success of the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area. Mountain bike trails continue to be expanded in the recreation area, funded by major state expenditures. This expansion has driven something of an economic boom in Crosby.
- The development of the large manganese deposits in and around Emily continue to move very slowly. As noted in the past, holdings in this area are owned by Cooperative Minerals, a wholly-owned subsidiary of a local power cooperative, the Crow Wing Power Company. Cooperative Minerals has attempted, without success, to determine a manner that would effectively extract minerals from the site. That effort is ongoing.