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## News Release

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### **Management of Former Bureau of Mines Twin Cities Campus Announced**

Management of the federal property that once housed the Bureau of Mines has officially been transferred to the National Park Service to become part of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA). Federal officials announced the decision in conjunction with the Record of Decision that completed the environmental impact statement for the future use of the property.

Buildings on the 27-acre site near Fort Snelling will be removed and the site restored to a natural setting. “The public’s interest in this site throughout this process illustrates the great significance that the Dakota and so many others attach to this special place,” said Paul Labovitz, NPS superintendent for MNRRA. “We are excited to be the caretakers, and to work with many partners to tell all the stories associated with this place. There are many layers of history associated with this site, from the Dakota to European settlement to 20<sup>th</sup> century mining technology. This is a truly unique place in the Twin Cities.”

The property links Fort Snelling State Park and Minnehaha Falls Regional Park, and is within three historic districts. Coldwater Spring is the most notable landmark on the property. The spring has spiritual meaning and significance to the Dakota people and many others, as well as having provided water to settlers and travelers.

Planning for the removal of the buildings and restoration is underway.

For information and updates, visit <http://www.nps.gov/miss/parkmgmt/bomcurr.htm>

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