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Public planning process begins for future of former Bureau of Mines property

The National Park Service invites the public to participate in a planning process to address the future of the former Bureau of Mines Twin Center Research Center Main Campus (Center). The Center is located between Minnehaha Regional Park and Historic Fort Snelling in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The National Park Service's Mississippi National River and Recreation Area (MNRRA) will lead the planning process under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that will include the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS). Kim Berns at MNRRA is serving as Project Manager and will be coordinating the planning process and public meetings, which are expected to begin in March 2005. Once the meeting dates are established, they will be posted on the MNRRA website at www.nps.gov/miss.

"We will work with the community, Indian tribes and all levels of government to develop and evaluate a range of alternatives for future uses of the Center. This process will enable the Federal Government to make an informed decision regarding the future of the Center," said JoAnn Kyrall, Superintendent of MNRRA. The future of the Center is limited by federal law which authorizes a transfer or sale to universities or government entities only.

The Center, closed by Congress in 1995, occupying 27 acres, including 11 vacated buildings is within the boundary of MNRRA. The Center is within the National Register-listed Fort Snelling National Historic Landmark and within a portion of the Fort Snelling National Register of Historic Places District.

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