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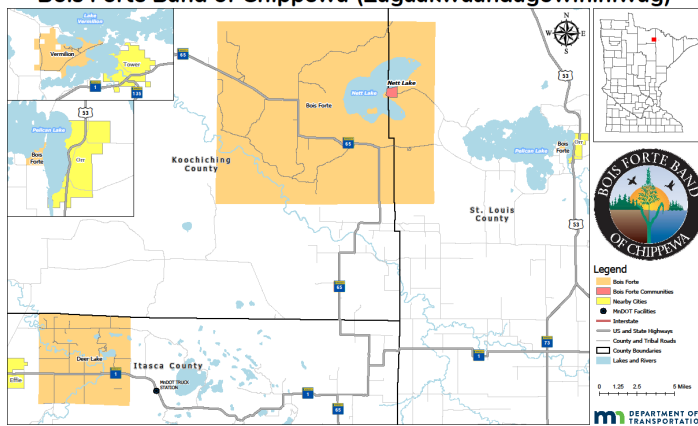


## Bois Forte Band of Chippewa

### Zagaakwaandagowiniwag – “The men of the dense forest” in Ojibwe

The Bois Forte Band of Chippewa is a federally recognized, sovereign Ojibwe tribal government located in northern Minnesota, about 45 miles south of the Canadian border.

#### Bois Forte Band of Chippewa (Zagaakwaandagowiniwag)



#### Tribal Government Headquarters – Nett Lake

5344 Lake Shore Drive

Nett Lake, MN 55722

218-757-3261

#### Tribal Government Office – Vermilion

1610 Farm Rd S

Tower, MN 55790

218-753-4542

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### Government Structure

- Minnesota Chippewa Tribe Constitution
- 5 Elected council members; Chairperson, Secretary/Treasurer, 3 District Representatives
- Staggered Elections held even years, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in June, four year terms

### Tribal Council

- **Chairwoman** – Cathy Chavers
- **Secretary/Treasurer** – David Morrison Sr.
- **District 1 Rep** – Travis Morrison
- **District 1 Rep** – Shane Drift
- **District 2 Rep** – Peter “Chief” Boney

### Geographical – Demographical Info

- **Size:** 136,781 acres
- **Citizenship:** 3,500+ enrolled members
- **Counties:** Koochiching, St. Louis
- **Government Headquarters:** Nett Lake

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**Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe tribal communities**

Community	Businesses and Areas of Interest
Deer Creek (near Effie) - municipal	No band members reside in this district. Natural resource area for tribe.
Nett Lake, municipal	Tribal Government Center, Nett Lake Wild Rice, Northern Eagle Federal Credit Union, majority of band members reside here.
Vermilion (near Tower), municipal	Tribal Government Center, Fortune Bay Resort Casino, The Wilderness golf course, Y-Store, Northern Eagle Federal Credit Union.

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