

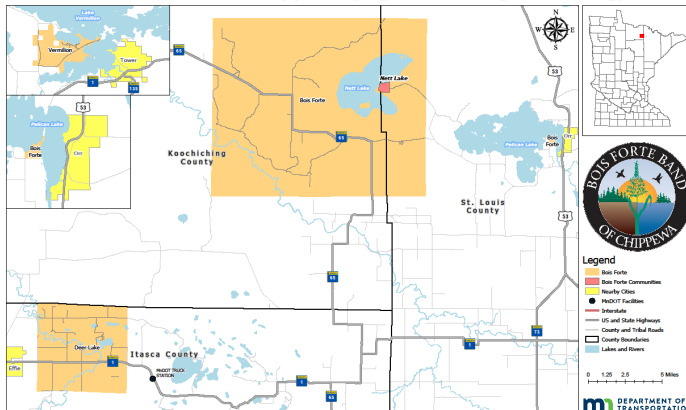


Bois Forte Band of Chippewa

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

Bois Forte, or “strong wood”, was the French name given to the Indians living in the densest forests of what is now northern Minnesota. The Bois Forte reservation is located about 45 miles south of the Canadian border. Three separate tribal lands make up three Bois Forte districts; Nett Lake, Vermilion, and Deer Creek.

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Tribal Government Headquarters – Nett Lake
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Nett Lake, MN 55722
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Tribal Government Office – Vermilion
1610 Farm Rd S
Tower, MN 55790
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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, 2nd Tuesday in June, four year terms

Tribal Council

- **Chairwoman** – Cathy Chavers
- **Secretary/Treasurer** – Tara Geshick
- **District I Rep** – Travis Morrison
- **District I Rep** – Shane Drift
- **District II Rep** – Robert Moyer

Key Contacts

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Bois Forte Land Department

- The Bois Forte Forestry Department manages all tribal lands within the Bois Forte Reservation: <https://www.boisforte.com/divisions/BoisForteForestry.htm>

Geographical – Demographic Information

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

Infrastructure Structure

- MN Hwy 65 – 17.5 miles on reservation
- MN Hwy 1 – 6 miles on reservation
- CH 413 – 2.5 miles on reservation

Truck Stations on or near Bois Forte

- Cook
- Deer Lake
- Ely
- Hibbing
- Virginia

Communities of Bois Forte

Community	MnDOT District	Infrastructure	Businesses and Areas of Interest
Deer Creek (near Effie) - municipal	1	MN Hwy 1	No band members reside in this district. Natural resource area for tribe.
Nett Lake, municipal	1	MN Hwy 65	Tribal Government Center, Nett Lake Wild Rice, Northern Eagle Federal Credit Union, majority of band members reside here.
Vermilion (near Tower), municipal	1	CH 413	Tribal Government Center, Fortune Bay Resort Casino, The Wilderness golf course, Y-Store, Northern Eagle Federal Credit Union.

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