

PUBLIC NOTICE

Right of Way Agreement: Environmental Review Bayfield Electric Cooperative on Highway 2 to Maple Street, Odanah

The Bad River Tribe is currently evaluating the proposed Right of Way (ROW) Agreement and Environmental Review requirements and criteria described. Under Bad River Tribal Court Code Section 6 – Chapter 4.11.05(C), a Public Comment period is required. A 30-day public comment period begins March 17, 2026, and ends April 17, 2026. All comments received are considered during the review.

**A public hearing will be held at the
Bad River Casino & Convention Center April 7th, 2026, at 5 pm**

ROW Summary:

Bayfield Electric Cooperative has applied for a ROW associated with supplying electric service to Bad River Reservation Tribal Land locations. This RoW Application is for BEC electrical infrastructure within New Odanah and from Miller Rd to Birch Hill community. This ROW application is aligned with tribal needs, including upgrading to three phase power from Miller Road to Birch Hill Community and constructing a mini grid south of the Birch Hill Community.

The Bad River Tribe's Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources Department's (MNRD's) preliminary determination is that the proposed project meets the following categorical exclusions to the environmental review requirement in Chapter 4.11:

- k. Activity that does not involve changes in the use of land and that is aligned with tribal interest*
- f. Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same size, purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.*

MNRD's preliminary determination may be reviewed online at: <http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/news/>. A hardcopy is available at MNRD during business hours and/or by contacting the Land Records In-Take Specialist.

Written comments may be emailed or sent by US Mail to:

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Verbal and written comments will be accepted at the public hearing.

The deadline for comments is April 17th, 2026.