

May 8, 2026

UPDATE ON NNG IMMEDIATE DIGS PROJECT AT BAD RIVER



Mashkiizibii Natural Resources Department

PREVIOUS PROJECT STATUS: JANUARY - MARCH 2026

- In early 2026, Permittee (Northern Natural Gas, NNG) received permits/approvals to begin work on three anomaly inspection/repair digs located west of Pine Flats Road.
 - Two immediate digs (Dig 105 and Dig 106)
 - One non-immediate dig (Dig 41990-41992) that is being conducted due to proximity to Dig 105.
- NNG finished the anomaly inspection and repair at Dig 106 (just west of Pine Flats Rd) and initiated restoration of the area by removing project-related material and planting an MNRD-approved seed mix.
- NNG began prepping the access route to Dig 105 and Dig 41990-41992 (timber matting, tree clearing) and began preparations for steep slope winching activity.

TEMPORARY HOLD: MARCH 2026

- Due to warm weather, NNG exposed bare ground while winching material down the west hill on March 5, 2026.
- MNRD met with NNG multiple times in late March - early April to review the scope change for the six steep slopes along the access route. Work at the project site has been suspended until NNG's changes to the scope of work have been approved, and site conditions are suitable to minimize slope disturbance.

PROJECT WORK COMPLETED BETWEEN APRIL AND MAY 5, 2026

- NNG is currently in a suspended work phase. No progress has been made along the access road or associated remaining digs. NNG continues to complete storm water inspections.
- Staking is present across temporary workspace areas, but timber matting concludes at the steep slope areas. Construction will continue after conditions dry out, potentially after May 26, 2026.
- Site visit photographs from April 16th are included.

