

Mashkiiziibii Natural Resources Department's Project Review Process – When is it Applicable?

The Project Review Process is applicable for projects planned **on all lands within the external boundaries of the Bad River Reservation**, regardless of land ownership (i.e., tribal trust, private trust, municipal, private fee, and tribal fee). Examples of projects that need to undergo a project review are listed below (this is not a comprehensive list).

- **Residential Development:** Residential lease sites, private residences, and tribal residential development activities including new builds, remodels*, additions, services, and other related activities.
- **Commercial Development:** Commercial lease sites, private commercial, and tribal commercial development activities including new builds, remodels*, additions, services, and other related activities.
- **Infrastructure:** Activities related to existing or new infrastructure (pipeline, electrical, communication, water, sewer and road infrastructure), both transmission and distribution lines included. Includes all related activities (e.g., brushing, anomaly digs, pole replacements, etc.) *Does not include residential or commercial POWTS or well projects.*
- **Forestry:** Timber harvest activities on all lands within the Reservation. *However, this category doesn't cover timber harvests activities associated with one of the other project categories.*
- **Environmental:** Activities related to scientific monitoring, surveying, etcetera that are not associated with one of the other project categories. Also includes restoration projects endorsed by the MNRD.
- **Demolition:** Activities that include solely the removal of an existing development.
- **Other:** Covers all other activities* that do not fall within the categories above.

*Some interior or external remodels (e.g., roofing, redoing a kitchen, etc.) and certain cultural projects may be exempt from needing a full project review. However, a Preliminary Project Review (PPR) should still be submitted that details the scope of the project so MNRD staff can determine if it meets exemptions under tribal codes. If the project meets an exemption, you will get an email back from the Laserfiche software with the PPR being rejected with details on why the project is exempt plus any conditions you would need to follow to proceed without a full review.

