



STAR LAKE TOWNSHIP E - BULLETIN # 39

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SUBJECT: Little white & red flags on White Earth land south of 380th St.

In recent days I've received many inquiries as to the significance of the little white & red flags on the north and south sides of the White Earth land, aka - the Casino Land.

I spoke with a man working on the site this week and he identified himself as one of the owners of a Callaway, MN company named "Ogema Organics". He has leased the land from the White Earth Nation for agricultural use.

In addition to traditional corn, the company has planted Hemp for the production of CBD Oil and hemp fiber. Several years ago, the White Earth Nation became planting Hemp test plots in the Mahnomen area. This evidently is an expansion of that endeavor.

I am told that Native American Tribes across the country have received USDA permission to plant & raise Hemp. I've also been informed that Hemp raised for CBD does not contain THC, the sought-after ingredient/property contained in marijuana. Ogema Organics also is said to have a contract with Patagonia for use of their fiber in production of clothing.

Respectfully, Lee Mindemann - SLT Town Board