

Michigan casino defies state demand to close down - WNDU-TV

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A northern Michigan casino run by the Bay Mills Indian Community remains open despite a letter from state officials saying it should be closed immediately.

WWTV-WWUP says Friday the tribe issued a statement saying it does not agree with the state's analysis and the casino in Vanderbilt remains "open for business."

The Michigan attorney general's office sent its letter demanding the casino close on Thursday. A spokeswoman on Friday would not comment on the timeline for when attorney general officials might try to force the casino's closing.

The casino with roughly 40 slot machines opened in November. Bay Mills owns the property but it isn't on their main reservation.

State officials said they are not persuaded the casino is on "Indian lands" as required for lawful gambling.

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