U. S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
FORT MISSOULA MILITARY CEMETERY
MISSOULA, MONTANA
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Department of the Army operates the Fort Missoula Military Cemetery. The 1-acre Fort Missoula Military Cemetery is in the southwest section of the city of Missoula, Montana. The cemetery contains 248 occupied gravesites, with 24 reserved gravesites. It was established in 1877. It is a conventional veteran’s cemetery with upright headstones. There are industrial areas to the north and west, open farmland to the south, and open farmland and city ball fields to the east.

The proposed action is to transfer ownership and responsibilities for operations and maintenance of the Ft. Missoula Military Cemetery, Missoula, Montana from the Department of the Army to the Department of Veterans Affairs. The initial action would include evaluation of the cemetery to meet National Environmental Policy Act requirements and to determine what activities will be necessary to have the cemetery meet the VA’s National Cemetery Standards. Detailed requirements would then be written to address any cemetery needs.

Both an Environmental Site Assessment and a Cultural Resource Survey of the proposed site were completed with no adverse effects identified related to the cemetery transfer between US Army and Department of VA. The land transfer does not constitute a major Federal action that would have a significant impact upon the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and VA’s environmental requirements.

This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been prepared as a result of the Final Environmental Assessment. It was completed in accordance with the regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act. An Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Copies of the Final EA and NOA are available for public review from August 1, 2019 to September 1, 2019 at Fort Logan National Cemetery, and Missoula Public Library, 301 East Main Street, Missoula, Montana and the VA website: [www.cem.va.gov/ea.asp](http://www.cem.va.gov/ea.asp) for further information please contact ATTN: Ms. Jill Schattel, NCA Environmental Engineer, 425 I Street NW, Washington DC 20001. Phone (202) 815-9682. Email: Jill.Schattel@va.gov