Mr. Elliott:

The Florida State Historic Preservation Officer reviewed the referenced project for possible effects on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places. The review was conducted in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and its implementing regulations in 36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties.

Based on the information provided, this office concurs with the Department of Veterans Affairs’ determination that the proposed project should have No Adverse Effect on historic properties. However, since the project includes ground disturbance activities the following special condition regarding unexpected discoveries should be included during project activities:

- If prehistoric or historic artifacts, such as pottery or ceramics, projectile points, dugout canoes, metal implements, historic building materials, or any other physical remains that could be associated with Native American, early European, or American settlement are encountered at any time within the project site area, the permitted project shall cease all activities involving subsurface disturbance in the vicinity of the discovery. The applicant shall contact the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, Compliance Review Section at (850)-245-6333. Project activities shall not resume without verbal and/or written authorization. In the event that unmarked human remains are encountered during permitted activities, all work shall stop immediately and the proper authorities notified in accordance with Section 872.05, Florida Statutes.

If you have any questions, please contact Corey Lentz, Historic Sites Specialist, by email at Corey.Lentz@dos.myflorida.com, or by telephone at 850.245.6339 or 800.847.7278.

Sincerely,

Timothy A Parsons, Ph.D.
Director, Division of Historical Resources & State Historic Preservation Officer
April 27, 2018

Dr. Timothy Parsons
Florida Department of State
State Historic Preservation Office
500 Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Dr. Timothy Parsons,

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December 20, 2018

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Office of Construction & Facilities Management
Phone: 202-632-5879
Email: Glenn.Elliott@va.gov

Subject: Dept. of Veterans Affairs South Florida National Cemetery Expansion, Palm Beach County FL
THPO #: 0030847

Dear Mr. Elliot,

Thank you for the additional information regarding the Dept. of Veterans Affairs South Florida National Cemetery Expansion, Palm Beach County FL. We have no objections to the project at this time and we look forward to continuing consultation on this property when the VA is ready to develop it.

Thank you and feel free to contact us with any further questions.

Respectfully,
Victoria,  
It was nice to speak with you today. As we spoke. The activities on the 20 acre parcel will only be the removal of the cinder block structure and the placement of the chain-link fence. This property will not be developed as part of this construction project. When the VA does propose to develop this property in the future VA will reinitiate consultation and perform a Cultural Resources Assessment on the 20 acre parcel. Based on our discussion the VA will not be required to perform a resource assessment due to the limited activities proposed. Again the VA looks forward to consultations in the future when the VA is ready to potentially utilize this property.

Thank you for your time.

Glenn

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Thank you and feel free to contact us with any further questions.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

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April 27, 2018

Mr. Paul Backhouse, Ph.D.
Seminole Tribe of Florida
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Dear Mr. Backhouse,

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Ms. Natalie Harjo
The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
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- ± 70-Acre Expansion Area
- ± 20-Acre Site
- South Florida National Cemetery
April 27, 2018

Mr. Fred Dayhoff
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Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida
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From: Fernandez, Fernando L. (CFM)
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 4:20 PM
To: Theodore Isham <isham.t@sno-nsn.gov>
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Subject: RE: SNO Response to Dept of VA NCA expansion at South Florida National Cemetery

Under the South Florida National Cemetery's (SFNC) Master Plan, VA has committed to avoid development in several remote areas within the current SFNC property boundary. Should it be necessary, a suitable location within a remote area could be made available for future reburials of human remains of Seminoles under any NAGPRA action that occurs within the SFNC.

Additionally, VA agrees that if cultural or archeological resource materials are encountered, all activity would cease and the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and other appropriate agencies be contacted immediately. Likewise, in the event of an inadvertent discovery of human remains and related NAGPRA items occur in areas of existing or prior development, all work in that area would cease and the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and other appropriate agencies be immediately notified.

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From: Theodore Isham <isham.t@sno-nsn.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2019 5:27 PM
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Cc: theo.isham@gmail.com
Subject: [EXTERNAL] SNO Response to Dept of VA NCA expansion at South Florida National Cemetery

This Opinion is being provided by Seminole Nation of Oklahoma's Cultural Advisor, pursuant to authority vested by the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma General Council. The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma is an independently Federally-Recognized Indian Nation headquartered in Wewoka, OK. The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma wishes consultation party status on this project.

In keeping with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)d, and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 36 CFR Part 800, this letter is to acknowledge that the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma has received notice of the proposed project at the above mentioned location. The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma requests that a remote parcel of land be made available for future reburials of human remains of Seminoles under any NAGPRA action that occurs within the local area.

We do request that if cultural or archeological resource materials are encountered at all activity cease and the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and other appropriate agencies be contacted immediately.
Furthermore, due to the historic presence of our people in the project area, inadvertent discoveries of human remains and related NAGPRA items may occur, even in areas of existing or prior development. Should this occur we request all work cease and the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and other appropriate agencies be immediately notified.

Theodore Isham  
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma  
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May 29, 2019

Ms. Corain Lowe-Zepeda  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
The Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
 Historic and Cultural Preservation Office  
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PO Box 580  
Okmulgee, OK 74447

Dear Ms. Lowe-Zepeda,

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA) has prepared a Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (SEA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Action to construct and operate the Phase 2 cemetery expansion within an approximately 70-acre area located in the northern portion within the existing boundary of the South Florida National Cemetery at 6501 N State Road 7, Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida. The South Florida National Cemetery is currently utilizing existing burial space and capacity at a rate that is projected to exhaust existing developed gravesites within the next 4 to 6 years. Implementing the Proposed Action would allow VA to continue providing burial opportunities needed by Veterans and their families in the south Florida region. The Phase 2 expansion would be constructed according to the 2005 Master Plan, avoid preservation areas, and designed in accordance with existing federal and state permits. Figures 1 and 2, enclosed with this letter, depict the location of the South Florida National Cemetery and the Phase 2 expansion area.

The Phase 2 expansion would take approximately 18 months to construct and would provide approximately 22,000 new casket, columbarium, and in-ground cremation sites, a flag assembly area, a roadway to connect the existing cemetery to the new burial areas, and a new stormwater retention pond to supply all of the irrigation water needed to maintain the newly landscaped expansion area. The Phase 2 expansion design is consistent with the existing 2005 Master Plan and both the South Florida Water Management District Environmental Resource Permit and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Individual Permit.

The Proposed Action also includes physical improvements to the VA’s 20-acre parcel that abuts the southwestern border of the South Florida National Cemetery. Improvements at the 20-acre parcel include demolition of a former greenhouse and installation of perimeter fencing around the parcel.

The VA prepared the SEA in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 United States Code [USC] 4321 et seq.), the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) “Regulations Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA” (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508), and the VA’s Implementing Regulations (38 CFR Part 26).
The VA invites your organization to review the SEA and provide comments within 30 days of receipt of this letter. The SEA is available for review at the South Florida National Cemetery, the Lantana Road Branch of the Palm Beach County Library at 4020 Lantana Road, Lake Worth, Florida, 33462, and available for electronic download from the VA website at http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/EA.asp. Please address all comments to Mr. Fernando Fernández, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Construction & Facilities Management Office, 425 I (eye) Street, NW, Room 6W417b, Washington, D.C., 20001; by email to fernando.fernandez@va.gov; or by telephone at (202) 632-5529. Please reference “South Florida National Cemetery Expansion” in all correspondence. Please reference “South Florida National Cemetery” in all correspondence.

Sincerely,
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

FERNANDO L. FERNANDEZ 336237

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Environmental Engineer
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**Figure 1. Site Location**
Figure 2. Phase 2 Expansion Area

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- South Florida National Cemetery
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: EPA's Comments on the South Florida National Cemetery

Dear Mr. Fernández:

Thank you for your follow-up email. Yes, you are correct. Projects excluded from Sole Source Aquifer review are those funded solely with federal funds for federal agencies. The EPA appreciates your response and has no further comment.

Sincerely,

Roshanna White ¦Life Scientist ¦NEPA Program Office
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Ms. White, et al, upon further review of the requirements of the Soule Source Aquifer for Drinking Water requirements VA would like to clarify that this Proposed Action is solely funded, and for the Department of Veterans Affairs, a federal agency, and that the South Florida National Cemetery is a federally-owned facility. VA’s understanding is that the Proposed Action is therefore excluded from further review under the Soule Source Aquifer Impact Determination program. VA appreciates any response or concurrence.
Esteemed Ms. White, thank you for your message. This response is to acknowledge the receipt. The organization will incorporate your comments and request to our assessment and will contact Mr. Cole for the Determination Letter.

Dear Mr. Fernández:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received the Draft Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed construction and operation of the South Florida National Cemetery Expansion at 6501 North State Road in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida. The lead agency is the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA). The purpose and need of the Proposed Action is to provide eligible veterans and their families with reasonable access to VA burial options and address the depletion of grave sites by further extending the longevity of the South Florida National Cemetery.
The draft EA evaluates the Proposed Action and No Action alternatives. The EPA understands that the Proposed Action would be an approximate 18-month construction, provide 22,000 new casket, columbarium, and in-ground cremation sites, provide 8-10 years of burial capacity, construct a roadway that connects the existing cemetery to new burial areas, a stormwater retention pond, extension of irrigation utilities, a flag assembly area, and demolition of 20-acre former agricultural nursery and perimeter fencing around the parcel. The No Action alternative would maintain the cemetery as it currently exists with the projected exhaust of gravesites within 4-6 years.

Based on our review of the Proposed Action our primary environmental concern is the South Florida National Cemetery location is within the Biscayne Sole Source Aquifer and recharge source zone. Federal financially-assisted projects are subject to review and determination for potential to contaminate the aquifer and ensure that the project is designed and constructed in a manner that does not create a significant hazard to public health. Please contact Larry Cole, Water Protection Division, at cole.larry@epa.gov or 404.562.9474 for a Sole Source Aquifer Impact Determination Letter.

The EPA appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed project. Please provide an electronic link to the final document when it is available. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at the information below.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Blackford, we have reviewed the project plan in relation to the location and potential impact of the bald eagle nest. Bald eagle nest PB027 is located in the southern portion of the South Florida National Cemetery (26.573167, -80.211000) and was last recorded active in 2016. The two buffer zones, both its 330-foot and 660-foot nest protection buffers are within the site. All future construction activities are proposed to take place outside of the 660-foot protection zone, thus a Non-Purposeful Take Permit is not required.
In response please refer to: 04EF2000-2019-TA-0639

Mr. Fernando L. Fernández:

This email acknowledges the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) receipt of your letter dated April 4, 2019, seeking comments under the National Environmental Policy Act for the expansion of the South Florida National Cemetery (cemetery) for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA) located in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, Florida. This email message transmits the Service’s response pursuant to our authorities under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (87 Stat. 884; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). We have assigned log number 04EF2000-2019-TA-0639 to this response.

In your letter, you state that the expansion area is located within an approximately 70-acre area located in the northern portion of the existing cemetery boundary and a roughly 20-acre parcel that abuts the southwestern border of cemetery. The proposed action would take approximately 18 months to construct and would provide would be constructed according to the 2005 Master Plan. The design avoids preservation areas, and is consistent with existing South Florida Water Management District Environmental Resource Permit and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Individual Permit.

The Service has reviewed its Geographic Information System (GIS) database for recorded locations of federally-listed threatened and endangered species and critical habitats on or adjacent to the subject parcel. The GIS database is a compilation of data received from several sources. Based on our review, there are no species protected under the Act within the project area; therefore, we do not recommend any further consultation with our office pursuant to section 7 of the Act.

However, our records show that a bald eagle nest located within the cemetery (Latitude: 26.57317; Longitude: -80.21100), which was identified during a prior consultation with the Service (Service Consultation Code: 04EF2000-2006-FA- 1232). Our last records are from 2016 and show the nest to be active. It appears that the nest is approximately 930 feet away from the eastern boundary of the 20-acre southwestern parcel, the nearest area where work is proposed to be conducted. We recommend you review the information at www.fws.gov/southeast/our-services/permits/eagles/ to determine whether you can comply with the requested buffers and monitoring or if a permit may be needed. Any questions about the bald eagle nest should be directed to Ulgonda Kirkpatrick (ulgonda_kirkpatrick@fws.gov) with our Migratory Bird Office.

Please note our review of this project in no way implies compliance with other Federal, State, County, or municipal regulations. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the project meets all applicable regulations. If modifications are made to the project, if additional information involving potential effects to listed species becomes available, if a new species is listed, or if designated critical habitat may be adversely affected by the project, additional review and consultation may be necessary.
Thank you for the opportunity to comment and for your cooperation and effort in protecting natural resources of South Florida. If you have any questions about species protected under the Act and our review, please contact Shawn Christopherson at 772-469-4336 or by email at: shawn_christopherson@fws.gov.

Ashleigh Blackford

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Mr. Fernandez:

Although no permit(s)/approval(s) are required from the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management (ERM) for any proposed modification at the cemetery, ERM would like to suggest that the native trees be incorporated into the proposed site plan to the greatest extent possible and that any new lake include a planted littoral zone to help maintain the lake water quality.

Thank you,

Bonnie

Bonnie Finneran  
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### Agency Comments:

**FISH and WILDLIFE COMMISSION - FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

NO COMMENT BY LAURA DIGRUTOLLO ON 4/19/19.

**SOUTH FLORIDA WMD - SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

1. The project will require an Environmental Resource Permit from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) in accordance with Rule 62-330.054, Florida Administrative Code (FAC). Please contact either Adnan Mirza, 561-682-2746/amirza@sfwmd.gov or Barbara Conmy, 561-682-6937/bconmy@sfwmd.gov in the SFWMD West Palm Beach Office or email erpreapp@sfwmd.gov to schedule a pre-application meeting with staff. 2. The project may qualify for a consumptive water use permit from the South Florida Water Management District for construction dewatering, landscape irrigation, potable and/or wastewater facilities, in accordance with Chapter 40E-2, FAC. Please contact Nick Vitani in the District's Water Use Bureau, at 561-682-2133/nvitani@sfwmd.gov, for further information about the need for a water use permit.

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

No Final Comments Received

**STATE - FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

No Final Comments Received

For more information or to submit comments, please contact the Clearinghouse Office at:

3900 COMMONWEALTH BOULEVARD, M.S. 47
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-3000
TELEPHONE: (850) 245-2170
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Visit the [Clearinghouse Home Page](#) to query other projects.
June 3, 2019

Andrew Glucksman
Mabbett & Associates, Inc.
10 Dorrance Street, Suite 700
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery System, Draft Site-Specific Environmental Assessment: Proposed Construction and Operation of the South Florida National Cemetery Expansion, Lake Worth Palm Beach County, Florida
SAI # FL201904108569C

Dear Andrew:

Florida State Clearinghouse staff has reviewed the proposal under the following authorities: Presidential Executive Order 12372; § 403.061(42), Florida Statutes; the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451-1464, as amended; and the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321-4347, as amended.

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contact Alyssa Costas, Historic Sites Specialist, by email at Alyssa.Costas@dos.myflorida.com, or by telephone at 850.245.6333 or 800.847.7278.

Based on the information submitted and minimal project impacts, the state has no objections to the subject project and, therefore, the funding award is consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program (FCMP). The state’s final concurrence of the project’s consistency with the FCMP will be determined during any environmental permitting processes, in accordance with Section 373.428, Florida Statutes, if applicable.

Sincerely,

Chris Stahl

Chris Stahl, Coordinator
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March 25, 2019

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Figure 1. Site Location

The site is located in the City of Lake Worth in Palm Beach County. The map illustrates the site's location and surrounding areas, including conservation lands and the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.
Figure 2. Phase 2 Expansion Area

Legend
- South Florida National Cemetery
- Expansion
  - ± 70-Acre Site
  - ± 20-Acre Site
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U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Resources Conservation Service, Tavares Service Center
1725 David Walker Drive, Suite C
Tavares, Florida 32778

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Re: Florida State Clearinghouse Project Review

Project SAI#: FL201904108569C
Date Received: 04/08/19
Project Description: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, NATIONAL CEMETERY SYSTEM, DRAFT SITE-SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA NATIONAL CEMETERY EXPANSION, LAKE WORTH PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA.

The Florida State Clearinghouse has received the above-referenced project and has forwarded it to the appropriate state agencies for review. Please refer to the State Application Identifier (SAI) number in all correspondence with the Florida State Clearinghouse regarding this project. Applicants should expect to receive their State Clearance Letter 30-60 days from the received date. Additional information can be found at http://dep.state.fl.us/secretary/oip/state_clearinghouse/manual2.htm.

Please submit all future project applications and correspondence by email to state.clearinghouse@dep.state.fl.us. If your submittal is too large to send via email or if you need other assistance, contact Chris Stahl at (850) 717-9076.
Hi Chris,

On behalf of VA, on April 1, 2019, we mailed a letter to your attention to request your review of the VA’s Draft Site-Specific Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Proposed Phase 2 Expansion at the South Florida National Cemetery.

Please also consider this email as a formal request for review via the Florida Clearinghouse.

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We would greatly appreciate comments no later than May 1, 2019. As noted in the Notice of Availability (published in the Palm beach Post on March 28 and 31, 2019), comments may be sent to: Mr. Fernando Fernandez, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Construction & Facilities Management Office, 425 I (eye) Street, NW, Room 6W417b, Washington, D.C., 20001; by email to fernando.fernandez@va.gov; or by telephone at (202) 632- 5529. Please reference “South Florida National Cemetery Expansion” in all correspondence.

Mr. Fernandez is also cc’d on this email.

Thank you,

Andrew

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