

**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
TWIN FALLS NATIONAL CEMETERY
BUHL, IDAHO
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), National Cemetery Administration (NCA), developed the VA's National Veteran's Cemetery Rural Initiative to provide burial access for Veterans not currently served by a burial option at either a VA National Cemetery or a VA-funded State Cemetery. Other Rural Initiative cemeteries will include Maine, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming,

Proposed Action

The proposed action is to construct a veterans' cemetery containing 540 preplaced burial vaults, 250 in-ground cremations remain burial sites, 40 private burial vault sites, a Columbarium wall for 250 cremations remain niches, memorial wall for memorial inscriptions, a formal entrance and roadway system, walkways, irrigation, committal shelter, electronic gravesite locator, and a flagpole area.

Both an Environmental Site Assessment and a Cultural Resource Survey of the proposed site were completed with no adverse effects identified related to the construction of the new cemetery. The construction of the cemetery 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 at Buhl Public Library, 215 Broadway Ave N, Buhl, Idaho 83316 and the VA website: www.cem.va.gov/ea.asp For further information please contact Luis Tehran, NCA Program Manager, 425 I Street NW Washington DC 20001, Phone: (202) 632-4728. Email: luis.tehran@va.gov