



STATUS UPDATE OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION SHEET

Environmental Impact Statement for VA Black Hills Health Care System Reconfiguration

Purpose of Action

Provide quality, safe, accessible health care for Veterans well into the 21st century by:

- Providing locations and structures that enhance and maintain quality and safety of care in the 100,000-square-mile service area
- Ensuring buildings comply with accessibility requirements, support current standards of care, and can be well-maintained within available budgets and resources
- Increasing access to care closer to Veterans' homes
- Reducing out-of-pocket expenses for Veterans' travel

Need for Action

VA has difficulty maintaining high-quality, safe, and accessible care at the Hot Springs campus:

- Quality/range of care are limited by staff recruiting/retention.
- Does not comply with *Architectural Barriers Act* and VA accessibility requirements. Needs significant renovation to maintain clinical standards and for continued facility sustainment.
- Limits residential care available to single parent Veterans.
- Limits enhancements of the recovery model of care for residential treatment.
- Facility costs negatively affect VA's stewardship of funds appropriated for Veterans health care.

Existing locations and facilities constrain the quality and range of care, and access to that care, that VA offers to Veterans in the service area:

- Current and projected future Veteran population centers in the BHHCS service area are not in the same locations as existing VA facilities.
- To access primary, secondary, or tertiary care, Veterans currently face long distances, extended travel times, and travel costs.

| Location | Alternatives* | | | | | |
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| | A | B | C | D | E | F No Action |
| Hot Springs | <p>CBOC New Location in Hot Springs</p> <p>Existing VA Campus</p> | <p>CBOC New Location in Hot Springs</p> <p>RRTP 100 beds New Location in Hot Springs</p> <p>Existing VA Campus</p> | <p>CBOC</p> <p>Building 12 Renovation</p> <p>RRTP-100 beds</p> <p>Domiciliary Renovation</p> | <p>CBOC New Location in Hot Springs</p> <p>RRTP 24 beds New Location in Hot Springs</p> <p>Existing VA Campus</p> | <p>Continue inpatient services</p> <p>Building 12 Renovation</p> <p>RRTP-200 beds</p> <p>Domiciliary Renovation</p> <p>Other Upgrades / Renovations New programs & services</p> | <p>(No Change)</p> <p>Continue inpatient and outpatient services</p> <p>RRTP 100 beds</p> <p>Upgrades / Renovations Maintenance and clinical standards</p> |
| Rapid City | <p>MSOC</p> <p>RRTP 100 beds</p> | <p>MSOC</p> | <p>MSOC</p> | <p>MSOC</p> <p>RRTP 76 beds</p> | <p>CBOC</p> <p>(No Change)</p> | <p>CBOC</p> <p>(No Change)</p> |

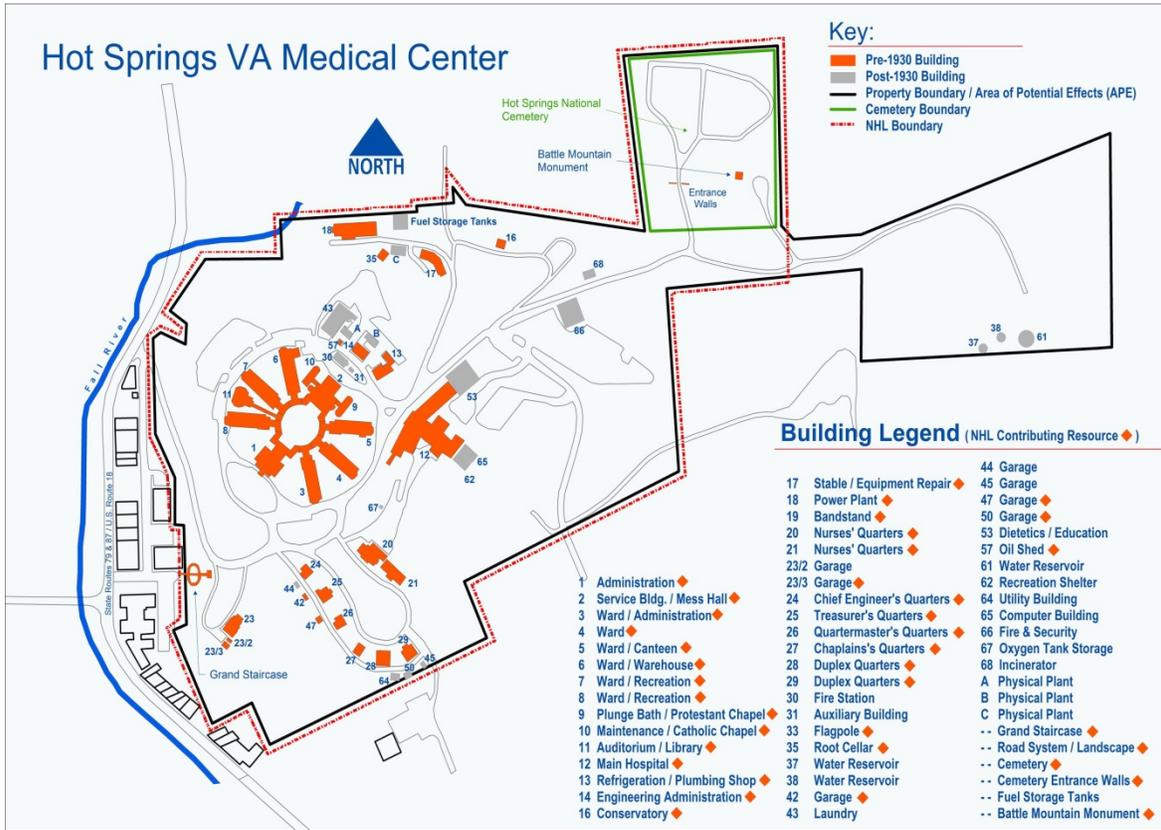
* Scoping did not yield new action alternatives. "No Action," (previously "H") was re-labeled "F", which had been a placeholder.

* Alternative G: future re-use by others of all/part of Hot Springs VA campus; supplement to Alternatives A-D. Would include "Medical Miracle" proposal.

CBOC = Community Based Outpatient Clinic
 MSOC = Multi Specialty Outpatient Clinic
 RRTP = Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program

Integrated National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106, Consultation

The VA Medical Center in Hot Springs is located on a National Historic Landmark: the Battle Mountain Sanitarium, National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.



Schedule

