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September 27, 2016

Mr. Jay Vogt  
Director, South Dakota State Historical Society  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
900 Governors Dr.  
Pierre, SD 57501

**RE: Section 106 Consultation for a National VHA Member Services call center at the VA Black Hills Health Care System, Hot Springs Campus, Fall River County, South Dakota**

Dear Mr. Vogt,

I am very pleased to initiate consultation with your office under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 USC § 306108) for a recently proposed National Veterans Health Administration Member Services call center in Buildings 3 and 4 at the National Historic Landmark Hot Springs campus of the VA Black Hills Health Care System (VA BHHCS). This federal undertaking will involve outfitting interior space of the vacant historic buildings to accommodate approximately 120 employee workstations.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5(b), VA BHHCS finds, subject to your review of the attached documentation required by 36 CFR 800.11(e), that creating the National VHA Member Services call center in Buildings 3 and 4 will have no adverse effect on historic properties. I hope you concur with this determination, allowing VA BHHCS to quickly implement this undertaking.

The implementation of this call center would not impact the still pending decision regarding the reconfiguration of health care services in the VA BHHCS service area. The National VHA Member Services call center, if implemented, will not be managed by VA BHHCS. This initiative will be pursued by the National program office regardless of the ultimate decision regarding the reconfiguration proposal.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [sandra.horsman@va.gov](mailto:sandra.horsman@va.gov) or by phone at (605) 720-7170.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Horsman  
Director

cc:

Advisory Council for Historic Preservation  
AFGE Hot Springs Local  
Apache Tribe of Oklahoma  
Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Resrvation, Wyoming  
Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation  
Blackfeet Nation  
Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Oklahoma  
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe of the Cheyenne River Reservation  
Chippewa-Cree Indians of the Rocky Boy's Reservation  
City of Hot Springs  
Comanche Nation  
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation  
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe of the Crow Creek Reservation  
Crow Tribe of Montana  
Department of the Interior, National Park Service  
Fall River County Commissioner Office  
Fall River County Historical Society/Pioneer Historical Museum  
Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe of South Dakota  
  
Fort Belknap Indian Community of the Fort Belknap Reservation of Montana  
Hot Springs CLG - Historic Preservation Commission  
Individual Veteran  
Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma  
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe of the Lower Brule Reservation  
Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota  
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe- Bois Forte Band (Nett Lake)  
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe- Fond du Lac Band  
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe- Grand Portage Band  
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe- Leech Lake Band  
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe- Mille Lacs Band  
Minnesota Chippewa Tribe- White Earth Band  
National Trust for Historic Preservation  
Northern Arapaho Tribe  
  
Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation  
Oglala Sioux Tribe of the Pine Ridge Reservation  
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska  
Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma  
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska  
Prairie Island Indian Community in the State of Minnesota  
Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Minnesota  
Rosebud Sioux Tribe of the Rosebud Indian Reservation  
Santee Sioux Nation  
Save the VA

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community  
Shoshone Tribe of the Wind River Reservation  
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation  
South Dakota American Legion  
South Dakota State Historic Preservation Office  
Spirit Lake Tribe, North Dakota  
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North and South Dakota  
Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation  
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians of North Dakota  
Upper Sioux Community  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota

**Documentation Supporting the finding of “No Adverse Effect” by the U.S.  
Department of Veterans Affairs Black Hills Health Care System (VA BHHCS) on  
plans to create a National Member Services Call Center in Hot Springs, South  
Dakota, per 35 CFR 800.11(e)  
(September 27, 2016)**

**1) Description of the undertaking and area of potential effect (APE):** VA proposes to create a National VHA Member Services call center in Buildings 3 and 4 of the Hot Springs Campus of the VA Black Hills Health Care System (VA BHHCS). The project will include installation of modular workstations within the existing interior floorplan for approximately 120 employees and involves installation of telecommunications and power cabling (some surface mounted), and new surface treatments such as flooring and paint.

VABHHCS has defined the APE as buildings 3 and 4 of the Hot Springs campus, as no work is proposed external to the building. (Attachment 1)

**2) Steps taken to identify historic properties:** The Secretary of the Interior designated the Battle Mountain Sanitarium a National Historic Landmark on June 17, 2011.

**3) Description of the affected historic properties:** Buildings 3 and 4 are contributing resources to the National Historic Landmark property, exhibiting a high level of exterior integrity. Originally used for patient care as part of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, the interior was modified over the years for various uses but is currently either underutilized or vacant. (Attachment 2)

**4) Description of the undertaking’s effects:** The interior of buildings 3 and 4 will be configured to accommodate approximately 120 workstations. The new workstations will be movable, modular furniture. No walls will be added or removed. New telecommunication and power cabling will use existing conduits if available or new surface mounted conduit as required.

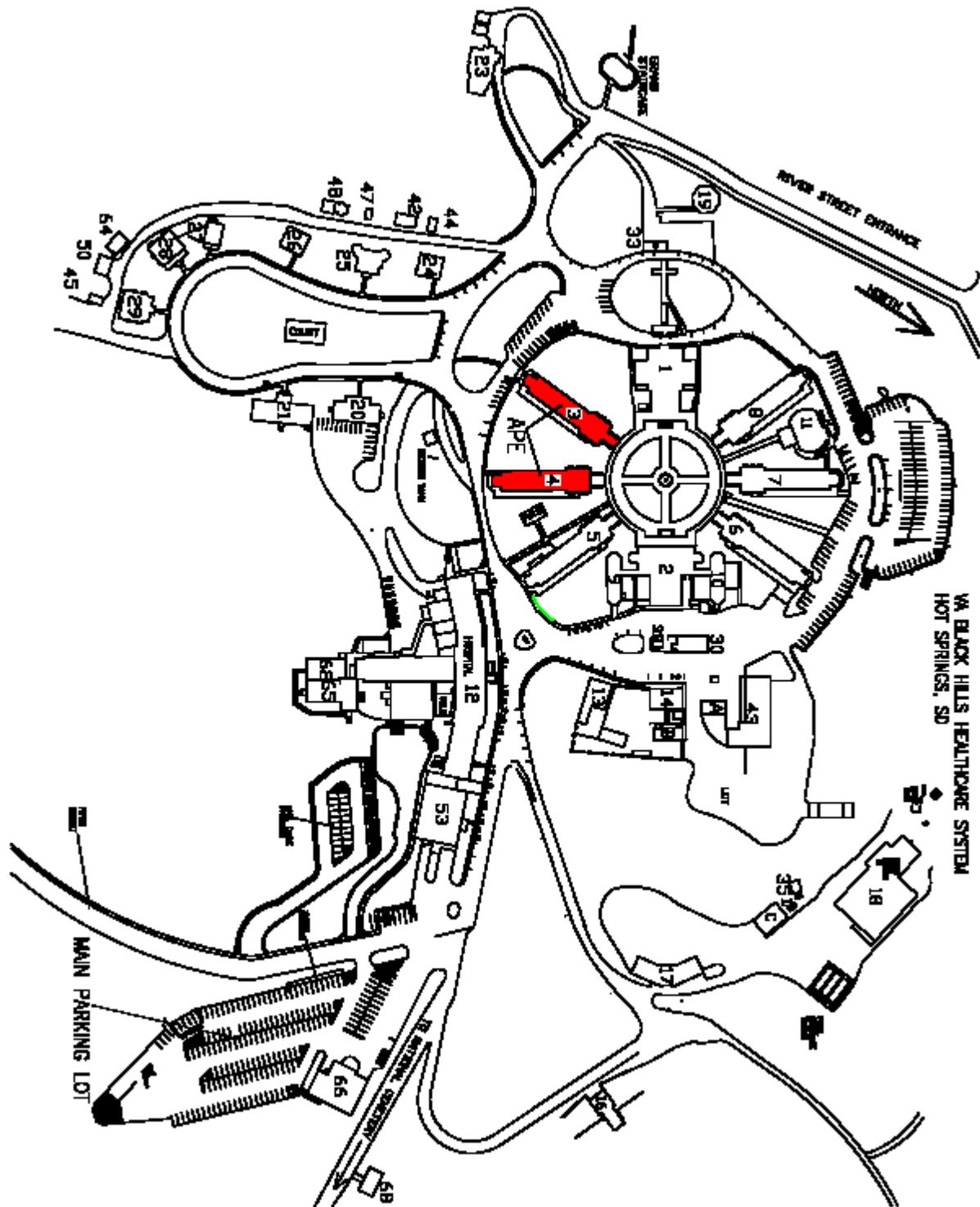
**5) Explanation of inapplicability of criteria of adverse effect:** The criteria of adverse effect do not apply to the undertaking as no qualifying historic characteristics will be altered nor will the property’s integrity be diminished.

**6) Views provided by consulting parties and the public:** By copy of this consultation package, VA BHHCS is notifying Consulting parties, as defined under 36 CFR 800.2(c): SHPO; Indian tribes; representatives of local governments; and additional parties that have been consulting on the reconfiguration proposal, including the National Park Service. (Attachment 3) VA BHHCS has also posted this document on its website: [www.blackhills.va.gov](http://www.blackhills.va.gov), to allow the public an opportunity to comment. Comments received by October 28, 2016 will be promptly shared with your office.

Attachment 1: Map and Area of Potential Effect

Attachment 2: Existing conditions of Buildings 3 and 4

Attachment 3: List of parties contacted and web notice



Attachment 2



Figure 1: Building 3 - Second Floor



Figure 2: Building Four - First Floor



Figure 3: Building Four - First Floor



Figure 4: Building Four - Second Floor



Figure 5: Building Four - Second Floor

Attachment 3  
Consulting Parties Contacted

Advisory Council for Historic Preservation  
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