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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

April 30, 2013

**FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**Northern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery  
Bellemont, Arizona**

The Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS), acting as the lead federal agency with deference from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), announces the preparation and availability of a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) associated with the proposed Northern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, located in Bellemont, Arizona. A federal grant is needed to complete the project's master plan process, which will determine the maximum internment capacity of this site as well as all other features of this site, including but not limited to: entry features, roads, utilities and parking infrastructure, an avenue of flags, an assembly area, full casket gravesites in pre-placed crypts, committal service shelter, columbarium niches and in-ground cremains burial sites, memorial walk, administration and public information buildings, public restroom, maintenance building and service yard, irrigation system, and carillon tower.

Based on the April 2013 Northern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery EA, it has been determined that the Proposed Action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

Public involvement for the EA included scoping letters to various local, state, and federal agencies, adjacent landowners, and several tribal officials to announce the EA undertaking. Subsequent public involvement included public notices in the *Arizona Daily Sun* to announce the drafting of the EA. Public notices were also posted at the Camp Navajo National Guard base and ADVS headquarters.

A 30-day public scoping comment period began on March 6, 2013, and ended on April 5, 2013. Five comments were received. Some clarification was made to project description, water supply, land use/zoning, and public health and safety; responses to comments are included in the Final EA. None of the comments were considered substantive to warrant further public involvement, beyond this notice of availability, which is in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act), Section 1506.6.

This is a public notice of availability of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and EA for review. The FONSI and EA will be publicly available for 30 days beginning April 30, 2013, and ending May 30, 2013. The EA can be found online at ADVS' website ([www.advs.gov](http://www.advs.gov)) and at the following locations:

Camp Navajo Administrative Office: Hughes Avenue, Bellemont, Arizona 86015, (928) 773-3167

Arizona Department of Veterans' Services: 3839 North 3rd Street, Suite 200, Phoenix, Arizona 85012,  
(602) 255-3373

Please submit any written comments you may have within 30 days, or by June 1, 2013, to the following individual by email, mail, or fax:

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Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Homer F. Rodgers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Homer F. Rodgers, Assistant Deputy Director  
Arizona Department of Veterans' Services