



Conservation Practice Overview

Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment (Code 654)

Road/trail/landing closure and treatment involves the decommissioning and abandonment of travel ways or log landings.

Practice Information

This practice minimizes various resource concerns associated with existing roads, trails, and landings by closing and treating them to a level to achieve one or more the following resource objectives:

- Reduced erosion.
- Improved water quality by reducing offsite movement of chemical and petroleum residues.
- Improved water quality by reducing offsite movement of sediment.
- Improved air quality by reducing particulate matter (dust).
- Improved wildlife habitat by restoring food, cover, shelter, and habitat connectivity.
- Reduced noxious and invasive species.
- Restored ecologic, hydrologic, and geomorphic function.
- Minimizing human impacts to the closure area to meet safety, aesthetic, sensitive area protection, or wildlife habitat requirements.

Monitoring and patrolling must be conducted following heavy rain or high-wind events until the site is determined to be stable. Stabilizing measures and additional treatment may be necessary. Replace dead or dying vegetation as necessary and control nuisance, noxious, or invasive species until site is fully occupied by desired vegetation.

Common Associated Practices

Conservation Practice Standard (CPS) Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment (Code 654) is commonly applied with CPS such as Field Borders (Code 386), Forage Harvest Management (Code 511), Land Clearing (Code 460), Integrated Pest Management (Code 595), Tree/Shrub Establishment (Code 612), and Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (Code 645).

For further information, contact your local NRCS field office.

