



## Operation & Maintenance Plan Forest Trails and Landings (Code 655)

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Landowner/Operator:

Date:

NRCS Service Center:

Conservation District:

Practice Location:

Tract/Field ID:

(Lat/Long or UTM Coord, or Sec/TS/R)

### Expected Lifespan

The minimum expected lifespan of this practice is at least 5 years.

A properly operated and maintained Forest Trails and Landings is an asset to your property. The purpose of this practice is to provide routes for temporary or infrequent travel by people or equipment for management activities and provide periodic access for removal and collection of forest products. The estimated life span of this practice is 5 years. The life of the practice can be assured and usually extended by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance to maintain satisfactory performance. The following are some requirements to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

#### Operation

1. The forest trail and landing should only be used on an occasional basis. Increased usage will require a greater level of maintenance.
2. Minimize usage during wet periods to limit damage of the trail or landing.
3. Most maintenance, etc., can be accomplished using hand tools and common farm or forestry equipment. Occasional damage caused by major storm events may require heavy construction equipment to make repairs.
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#### Maintenance

1. Regular and timely inspections for adverse effects will be conducted with trails and landings and associated measures maintained or restored as necessary. Trails should be inspected during the establishment period to ensure that drainage systems and structures for water control are properly functioning and that vegetation has attained full coverage where specified.
2. After construction, it is expected that the roads are not driven on for 6 months to a year depending upon local site conditions and specifications in the jobsheet/implementation requirements.
3. Maintain trails, waterbars, ditches, cross drainage, culverts, etc. as necessary. Inspect trails and landings after every entry with equipment to find and repair any damage to trail, drainage or structures. Remove debris from waterbars, cross drains and especially culverts to prevent blockage of flow which can lead to significant erosion.
4. Immediately repair any damage to trail, structures or landing and reseed disturbed areas where required.
5. Access to trails and landings must be controlled when and where needed for erosion abatement, safety and liability, and reduced maintenance costs. Use CPS Access Control (Code 472) as needed.

Specific Requirements for Your Practice:

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**Specific Site Requirements**