

Access Control (Ac.)

Washington Conservation Practice Specification Guide

WA-472

Purpose of Specification Guide

This specification provides guidance for effective planning, design and installation of a Conservation Practice Standard: Access Control (472). Site specifications for the design, installation, operation and maintenance of the practice shall be prepared for each treatment area in accordance with requirements in the Conservation Practice Standard, Conservation Practice Job Sheet and guidance included in this document. The completed Job Sheet with practice specifications shall be reviewed with and provided to the client.

Installation Procedures

Determine the following:

- What resource conditions need protection from unrestricted access by animals, people, vehicles and/or equipment.
- Time and duration of access control
- How access control will be accomplished: signs, fences, barriers, patrolling, or combination of methods
- Soils, site factors, and timing of installation to prevent erosion and sedimentation

Types of Resource Conditions and Conservation Practices Needing Protection – Time and Duration

Tree/shrub plantings – newly planted tree/shrub seedlings need to be protected from trampling and browsing on the average of 3-5 years. Terminal bud needs to be above browsing height.

Grass Seedings – protect from grazing, fire, and vehicle compaction at least one full growing season. Seedings in low precipitation may need protection for 3-5 years to become fully established.

Access Roads/Trails/Landings – Control access during wet season

Abandoned Roads – need permanent protection from vehicles and equipment

Important Native Plant Habitats, including Riparian Areas - may need permanent protection from livestock grazing and controlled access of people.

Identified Wildlife Habitat Areas – areas with unique or specified wildlife habitat may need protection from human and livestock disturbance during nesting, calving, or spawning season. Identified T & E species may need protection from disturbance the entire year.

All Land Uses – controlled access of people may be needed during hunting and fire season and sometimes the entire year for the prevention of spreading noxious weeds.