

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
SOUTH DAKOTA

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN
LAND SMOOTHING
CODE 466**

Landowner/Operator

Job Location _____ GPS

Prepared By _____ Date

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ITEMS

Operation and maintenance (O&M) is necessary for all conservation practices and is required for all practices installed with NRCS assistance. The landuser is responsible for proper O&M throughout the life of the practice and as may be required by Federal, state or local laws or regulations.

Operation refers to operation of the practice in compliance with all laws, regulations, ordinances, and easements; and in such a manner that will result in the least adverse impact on the environment and will permit the practice to serve the purpose for which it was installed. Maintenance includes work to prevent deterioration of the practice, repairing damage, or replacing components which fail.

Necessary operation and maintenance items for this practice include:

- Avoid use of tillage equipment that leaves ridges or depressions that cannot be removed by subsequent tillage operations.
- On cultivated land, periodically smooth land areas to reestablish the installed field condition. Maintain good vegetative cover in all other areas.
- Remove rodents or burrowing animals. Repair any damage caused by their activity.
- Repair any vandalism, vehicular, or livestock damage.

Other
