

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE**  
**CONSERVATION PRACTICE SPECIFICATION**

**ACCESS ROAD**  
**(feet)**  
**CODE 560**

**SCOPE**

This specification covers the installation of access roads. Construction shall be in accordance with the construction plans and these specifications.

**INSTALLATION**

**Site preparation.** All trees, stumps, roots, brush, weeds, shoulders, ditches, and other objectionable material shall be removed from the areas required for the roadway, side road approaches, and inlet and outlet ditches. All unsuitable material shall be excavated from the roadbed areas.

**Subgrade preparation.** The roadbed shall be graded to the elevations shown on the plans for subgrade preparation. The subgrade and fill from borrow areas, if required, shall be compacted by controlled movement of the hauling and spreading equipment. The entire surface area shall be traversed by not less than one tread track of the loaded equipment or by not less than two passes of a pneumatic-tired roller capable of exerting a pressure of 75 pounds per square inch.

**Drainage structures.** Structures shall be installed to the lines and grades shown on the drawings. Corrugated metal culverts and other materials shall be of a quality that equals or exceeds the physical requirements shown on the plans.

Backfilling around culverts and abutments shall be accomplished by means of hand tamping, manually directed power tampers, or plate vibrators.

**Subbase.** The subbase course shall consist of crushed rock or gravel and shall be clean and reasonably well graded from fine to coarse. The maximum size shall be not greater than 1-1/2 inch. It shall be placed to the cross section shown on the drawings and be rolled with a smooth steel-wheeled roller.

**Surface course.** Placement of the surface course shall be in accordance with sound highway construction practice for the surface material used.

**CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS**

Construction operations shall be carried out in a manner that erosion and air and water pollution are minimized and held within legal limitations.

**SAFETY**

Landowners or operators, sponsoring organizations, and contractors are liable for damage to utilities and damage resulting from disruption of service caused by construction activities. The Natural Resources Conservation Service makes no representation on the existence or

nonexistence of any utilities. Absence of utilities on plan drawings is not assurance that no utilities are present at the site.

It is the responsibility of the landowner or operator to determine if there are buried or overhead utilities in the vicinity of the proposed work. They should take proper procedures to insure that the utilities shall not be jeopardized and that equipment operators and others will not be injured during construction operations.