

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE SPECIFICATION
ANIMAL TRAILS AND WALKWAYS
(feet)
CODE 575

SCOPE

The work shall consist of constructing animal trails and/or walkways to the lines and grades as shown on the drawings (plans) and/or as staked in the field. Construction shall be in accordance with the construction drawings and these specifications.

INSTALLATION

The trail width should be a minimum of 3 feet in steep rough terrain. Trails constructed through dense vegetation may be a minimum of 5 feet and a maximum of 10 feet wide, or the width of the equipment being used.

The trail shall traverse the slope, running more parallel than perpendicular to the contours. Traversing the slope allows water drainage off the trail.

The route selected should avoid grades over 10 percent whenever possible. Grades shall not exceed 25 percent slope. Grades over 15 percent should not be continuous for more than 50 feet in length.

CLEARING AND GRUBBING

Remove the vegetation along the trail width with as little soil disturbance as possible. Scatter all removed vegetation to the lower side of the trail.

Trim back vegetation 2 feet from each side of the trail. Cut woody vegetation flush with the ground to prevent tripping. Treat stumps of sprouting species with herbicide to prevent resprouting.

BASIS OF ACCEPTANCE

The acceptability of this practice shall be determined by inspections to insure compliance with all the provisions of this specification and to the drawings.

WORKMANSHIP

All construction shall be performed in a workmanlike manner, and the job site shall have a neat appearance when finished.

All disturbed areas not graveled or paved will be vegetated to control erosion.

CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

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

The owner, operator, contractor or other persons will conduct all work and operations in accordance with proper safety codes for the type of construction being performed with due regards to the safety of all persons and property.

SAFETY

Landowners or operators, sponsoring organizations, and contractors shall be 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 non-existence of any utilities. Absence of utilities on the 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.