

Group 1- Undertakings List

Conservation Practices Considered by NRCS to Potentially Affect Cultural Resources

Some conservation practices have a high potential to affect cultural resources when installed according to standard NRCS criteria. By law, any federally assisted practices that can potentially affect cultural resources require cultural resource consideration. Conducting a “Cultural Resources Review” begins the consideration process. These practices are:

Access Road	Open Channel
Chiseling and Subsoiling	Pipeline
Composting Facility	Pond
Commercial Fishponds	Precision Land Forming
Dam (all types)	Pumped Well Drain
Dike	Pumping Plant for Water Control
Diversion	Recreation Land Grading and Shaping
Fish Raceway or Tank	Recreation Trail and Walkway
Floodwater Diversion	Sediment Basin
Floodway	Spoil Spreading
Forest Trails and Landings	Spring Development
Forest Site Preparation	Stream Channel Stabilization
Grade Stabilization Structure	Structure for Water Control
Heavy Use Area Protection	Subsurface Drain
Irrigation Canal or Lateral	Surface Drainage
Irrigation Field Ditch	Underground Outlet
Irrigation Land Leveling	Waste Storage Facility
Irrigation Pit	Waste Treatment Lagoon
Irrigation Storage Reservoir	Water and Sediment Control Basin
Land Clearing	Water Table Control
Land Reconstruction	Water Well
Lined Waterway or Outlet	Watering Facility
Obstruction Removal	Well Decommissioning

Note: All federally assisted **projects** require cultural resource consideration.

Group 2 - Undertakings List

Conservation Practices Considered to Not Have the Potential to Affect Cultural Resources Except When Intrusive

Some conservation practices may or may not affect cultural resources depending on their impact on undisturbed areas. If cultural resources are neither discovered nor known to exist in the APE and one of the following situations are present, the consideration of cultural resources can be minimized. The installation of the practice will result in no ground disturbance, or the installation of the practice will not exceed the depth, extent, or kind of previous cultivation/disturbances.

These practices are:

Animal Trails and Walkways	Grassed Waterway
Bedding	Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface
Brush Management	Irrigation System, Microirrigation
Clearing and Snagging	Irrigation Water Conveyance
Closure of Waste Impoundments (or Ponds) (Less than 50 years old)	Land Smoothing
Contour Farming	Mole Drain
Contour Orchard and Other Fruit Area	Pasture and Hay Planting
Controlled Drainage	Prescribed Burning
Cross-Slope Farming	Recreation Area Improvement
Critical Area Planting	Residue Management, Seasonal
Dry Hydrants	Rock Barrier
Fencing	Streambank & Shoreline Protection
Filter Strip	Stream Crossing
Firebreak	Terrace
Fish Stream Improvement	Wetland Creation
Forest Site Preparation	Wetland Restoration
Forest Stand Improvement	Wildlife Wetland Habitat Management
	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

Important Note:

Always conduct a CR review when impacting previously undisturbed soil (this includes land clearing or other soil disturbances that may be necessary to install the practice). Soil that has experienced extensive plowing, grading, erosion or other significant disturbance are usually less likely to contain intact archaeological remains and more likely to reveal previously buried remains if soil visibility is high.

Group 3 - Undertakings List

Conservation Practices Generally Considered to Have No Potential to Affect Cultural Resources

Some conservation practices are primarily management related and very rarely have any physical affects that could alter a cultural resource. Some of these practices are not just benign but provide beneficial affects by improving soil or cover stability. Such practices do not require cultural resources considerations unless cultural resources are known to exist or are discovered within the APE. These practices are:

Conservation Crop Rotation	Pest Management
Conservation Cover	Pond Sealing or Lining
Conservation Tillage	Prescribed Grazing
Cover Crop	Regulating Water in Drainage Systems
Channel Vegetation	Residue Management
Fencing	Roof Runoff Management
Field Border	Row Arrangement
Fishpond Management	Stripcropping
Forage Harvest Management	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Forest Stand Improvement	Tree/Shrub Pruning
Hedgerow Planting	Use Exclusion
Irrigation System, Sprinkler (above ground only)	Waste Utilization
Irrigation Water Management	Wildlife Upland Habitat Management (only when no land clearing is involved)
Nutrient Management	Windbreak / Shelterbelt Establishment
Mulching	

Important Note:

Always conduct a CR review when impacting previously undisturbed soil (this includes land clearing, grading, smoothing or other soil disturbances that may be necessary to install a practice). Always contact the CR specialist if a cultural resource will be affected in any way (positively or negatively) as a result of federal assistance.