

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
CONSERVATION PRACTICE STANDARD**

**USE EXCLUSION**

(Acre)

**CODE 472**

**DEFINITION**

Excluding animals, people or vehicles from an area.

**PURPOSE**

To prevent, restrict, or control access to an area to maintain or improve the quantity and quality of natural resources or minimize liability and human health concerns.

**CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE APPLIES**

On all land uses where permanent or temporary use exclusion is needed.

**CRITERIA**

Barriers shall consist of fences and/or gates.

Barrier life expectancy must be adequate for the intended purpose.

Timing and exclusion periods must be described to accomplish intended purposes.

Comply with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations during the installation, operation and maintenance of this practice.

**CONSIDERATIONS**

Assess potential landowner and user liability before installing fences.

Public use may be an issue in areas where public right of access has previously been established by past use and law.

Fence type and design should account for and minimize impact to impair wildlife health and animal movement.

Fence should account for and minimize public safety activities such as fire control.

**PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS**

Specifications for applying this practice shall be prepared for each site and recorded using approved specification sheets, job sheets, technical notes, and narrative statements in the conservation plan, or other acceptable documentation. Refer to Fencing standard and Specifications (382).

**OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Fences will be periodically inspected and repairs performed as needed.