

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service Preliminary Certificate of Inspection and Possession	County _____	Contract No. _____
	Landowner	Number of Acres
Situating in County, State of _____		Date Examined

This is to certify that I, _____ (Name of Examiner)

_____ (Official Title) personally know the boundary lines and corners, and am acquainted with the land designated above which is offered to the United States for Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) purposes. A plat or hand drawn map of the approximate location of the easement area, and the access thereto, is attached hereto marked exhibit A. I did on the above date, personally enter upon and make a thorough examination of said land, and found the following evidence of actual use or occupancy: (Here set forth the nature and character of the use or occupancy found on said land, such as houses, barns, sheds, fences, cultivation, orchards, fields, timber, mining or other operations, utilities and roads. Also, if there is no evidence whatsoever, PAST OR PRESENT, that the instant land has been used or occupied, but is wild, virgin land – simply state, “There is no evidence whatsoever of either past or present actual use or occupancy of the instant land.”)

I have asked the landowner if he owns all the above improvements indicating use and occupancy. The landowner indicates he owns all of such improvements except, (List items indicating use or occupancy not owned by the landowner. Enter NONE if applicable.) (Use block 6 if additional space is needed.)

If your careful and thorough investigation and inquiry disclosed any occupancy or use of the instant land by any other person or persons, corporation, or firm adversely (or in opposition) to the vendor or those from whom title of the instant was obtained, give name and address (if known or ascertained), and period of use occupancy. (Use block 6 if additional space is needed.)

As to the foregoing use or occupancy, I hereby further certify that the answers to the following questions are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, upon careful and thorough investigation and inquiry.

1. Does the vendor (owner) actually live on the tract, or a part of the land out of which the instant tract is carved?

_____ Yes _____ No

If "yes", how long has the vendor actually lived on the instant land? _____

2. If not actually living on the land, is vendor using or occupying the land by cultivation or otherwise?

_____ Yes _____ No

If "yes", (a) In what manner and for what period? _____

_____ (b) Has such use or occupancy been _____ Continuous _____ Intermittent

3. If the owner does not actually live on the instant tract, and is not himself using the land by cultivation or otherwise – is the land used or occupied by tenant or license of the vendor?

_____ Yes _____ No

If "yes", is use or occupancy by tenant under lease or authority in writing?

_____ Yes _____ No

If "yes", is (a) What is the term or period of lease or writing to tenant? _____

(b) If use or occupancy by tenant or licensee is by verbal understanding, state terms and conditions. _____

(c) Give name and address of licensee or tenant. _____

4. If instant tract not used or occupied by vendor, tenant or licensee, is the land used or occupied by a stranger or a squatter, persons wholly unconnected with vendor's title?

_____ Yes _____ No

(a) If "yes", give name and address of such user or occupant: _____

(b) By what claim or right does said stranger, or squatter, use or occupy said land – by deed or by writing from one claiming title from a different source of title than that of the vendor, or merely as a trespasser without claim or right, title or interest? _____

(b) Has said use or occupancy been _____ Continuous _____ Intermittent

5. I have examined this parcel for hazardous materials and have found the following indicators of the presence of hazardous materials. (If there is no evidence of hazardous materials, such as isolated spots of dead and dying vegetation, garbage and/or dump sites, unusual sites, unusual smells, barrels containing unknown materials, etc., state NONE)

6. Use this space as needed for continuation of above items.

I hereby further certify that a careful investigation and inquiry fails to disclose any use of occupancy, past or present, adversely, or in opposition, to the above vendor or those under whom he claims or derived title, except as noted.

Signed at _____ (City and State)

This (Day) _____ of (Month) _____ (Year) _____

Examiner (Name) _____

Signature _____

Official Title _____