

DESIGN AND INSTALLATION GUIDE

Use Exclusion – 472

Use Exclusion shall be planned and applied in accordance with the Standard detailed in the Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG)-Section IV, Conservation Practices subfolder. This document provides additional requirements for developing site-specific plans. Document the practice with Form ND-CPA-472.

DESIGN

1. Identify the purpose of the practice, and relevant off-site and on-site conditions. Examples; protect herbaceous planting from livestock grazing, protect tree planting from beavers residing on adjacent property, prevent vehicle ruts and erosion, protect riparian vegetation to reduce bank erosion, prevent drowning in waste storage lagoon, etc.
2. Identify what is to be controlled. Examples: humans, vehicles, ATVs, cattle, deer
3. Identify the planned period and/or duration of exclusion. Examples; continuous, during a specific establishment period, during every growing season.
4. Delineate on plan map the area to be protected. Include a legal description.
5. Identify control method(s) and any permits the decision-maker needs to obtain, and incorporate permit requirements into practice design.
 - A. Design, install, and check out associated practices such as Fence (382) or Hedgerow Planting (422) according to ND-NRCS instructions for those practices.
 - B. Develop specifications if a physical barrier other than Fence or Hedgerow Planting is planned.
 - a. If human safety is a concern and the proposed barrier type is not a fence, obtain approval from State Resource Conservationist prior to plan approval.
 - b. Ensure the design meets NRCS cultural resource policy
 - c. If ground disturbance will be involved, ensure compliance with NRCS buried utility safety policy.
 - d. Develop an Operation and Maintenance Plan, signed by decision-maker.
 - C. Delineate on plan map the location of any existing physical features serving the practice and label them

INSTALLATION

1. Confer with decision-maker prior to installation.
2. Stake and lay out physical features to be installed according to plans and specifications.
3. Facilitate and implement any design modifications with decision-maker and original designer.

4. Advise decision-maker and NRCS on any compliance issues with applicable Federal, State, local, and/or tribal laws and NRCS policy during installation.
5. Certify that the materials and installation process meet the design and permit requirements.

CHECK OUT

1. In the field, visually determine whether or not the practice purpose is being achieved.
2. For barriers other than fence or hedgerow planting, compare the actual quality and extent of the installation to the installation records and document significant differences and adequacy.
3. Determine whether or not the actual exclusion area matches the planned area by comparing map measurement to observed field observation or measurement.