

ATTACHMENT 5

LIST OF EXEMPTED CONSERVATION PRACTICES AS THEY PERTAIN TO CULTURAL RESOURCES ACTIVITIES BY WASHINGTON STATE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS).

Categories and practices that are exempted by national agreement may be found in the National Programmatic Agreement (NPA) between the NRCS and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and the National Council of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO).

The following is the list of exempted conservation practices that do not need to be evaluated on a case by case basis as long as no sites are present in the Area of Potential Effect (APE) or are non-intrusive. These practices have little or no potential to affect historic properties. The State or Area Cultural Resource Specialist will confirm with the NRCS field office whether the undertaking meets the conditions of one or more of the following actions and can be excluded. The decision to exclude an undertaking from review will be documented in the cooperator's case file.

Exempted Categories may include:

All disturbance within the normal tillage zone of any cultivated field as long as the subsequent work is no deeper.

Replacement of existing structures as they pertain to farm and ranch access roads (culverts, roads, cattleguards, water control structures) and as long as construction does not extend or exceed beyond previously disturbed limits and it occurs within a road prism.

Soil and water conservation, crop production efforts, or other general farm or ranch planning that will not cause a ground disturbance or lead to greater disturbances of previously disturbed areas.

National Cooperative Soil Survey program activities that involve no ground disturbance or are limited to small scale field investigations such as shovel holes, auger holes, probe holes, and/or core holes. Larger scale field investigations such as soil investigation pits, however, may have the potential to affect historic properties.

In-stream structures that do not involve ground disturbing activities.

Flood damage repairs to roads, bridges, water control structures, or dams when the facility is not of historic significance and the rehabilitation is to the previously disturbed area.

Removal of modern dumps that is not associated with historic properties.

Removal of non-historic structures or buildings where there will be no ground disturbance.

A practice or activity installed on previously disturbed ground not exceeding the previous disturbance will not be considered an undertaking. Any activity or practice that may affect an historic property is an undertaking or any ground disturbing cost shared project or practice where NRCS has control of and decision making authority relative to the outcome of the assistance will be considered an undertaking.

Exempted Conservation Practices

Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Erosion Control (Ac.) (450) Application of a liquid product to curtail soil erosion.

Brush Management (Ac.) (314) Mowing or flailing and spraying to prevent the encroachment of weeds.

Channel Bank Vegetation (Ac.) (322)

Composting Facility (No.) (317) on small scale operations where previously disturbed areas are moved.

Conservation Cover (Ac.) (327) on previously disturbed ground where the application of the practice will not exceed previously tilled depth. This

includes the use of conventional tillage equipment and aerial or broadcast seedings.

Conservation Crop Rotation (Ac.) (328) same as Code 327

Contour Buffer Strips (Ac.) (332) same as Code 327

Contour Farming (Ac.) (330) same as Code 327

Contour Orchard and Other Fruit Area (Ac.) (331)

Cover Crop (Ac.) (340) same as 327

Critical Area Planting (Ac.) (342) on surface disturbed areas.

Cross Wind Ridges (Ac.) (589A) same as 327

Cross Wind Trap Strips (Ac.) (589C) same as 327

Deep Tillage (Ac.) (324)

Drainage Water Management (Ac.) (554)

Early Successional Habitat Development/Management (Ac.) (647)

Fence (Ft.) (382) Included are drilled and pounded posts, rebuilding and repair of existing fence with no blading of the fence line.

Feed Management (No.) (592)

Field Border (Ft.) (386) will not exceed previously disturbed depth.

Filter Strip (Ac.) (393) same as Code 327

Fish Passage (No.) (396) no additional ground disturbance.

Fishpond Management (No.) (399)

Forage Harvest Management (Ac.) (511)

Forest Site Preparation (Ac.) (490) (Chemical and Scalping Only)

Forest Stand Improvement (Ac.) (666) no ground disturbance.

Fuel Break (Ac.) (383) no ground disturbance.

Grassed Waterway (Ac.) (412) where excavation is less than 18 inches.

Heavy Use Area Protection (Ac.) (561) on previously disturbed ground.

Hedgerow Planting (Ft.) (422) usually hand and machine planting with little or no disturbance below previously disturbed ground.

Herbaceous Wind Barriers (Ft.) (603) same as Code 327

Irrigation Land Leveling (Ac.) (464) on previously disturbed ground.

Irrigation System, Microirrigation (No. and Ac.) (441)

Irrigation System Sprinklers (No. & Ac.) (442)

Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline, Rigid Gated Pipeline (Ft) (430FF)
minimal disturbance to create pad for pipe.

Irrigation Water Management (Ac.) (449)

Land Smoothing (Ac.) (466)

Mulching (Ac.) (484) on previously disturbed ground.

Nutrient Management (Ac.) (590) soil tests or application performed within the previously tilled zone; if deeper than previous tillage then this becomes an undertaking.

Pasture and Hay Planting (Ac.) (512) same as Code 327

Pest Management (Ac.) (595) only on previously disturbed ground.

Pipeline (Ft.) (516) above ground only.

Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant (No.) (521C)

Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane (No.) (521A)

Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant (No.) (521B)

Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (No.) (512D)

Precision Land Forming (Ac.) (462) on previously disturbed ground.

Prescribed Grazing (Ac.) (528) same as Code 327

Pumping Plant (No.) (533) (For Water Control) minimal disturbance to install pad for the pump.

Range Planting (Ac.) (550) in previously disturbed ground.

Residue Management, Mulch Till (Ac.) (345)

Residue Management, No-Till, Strip Till, and Direct Seed (Ac.) (329)

Residue Management, Ridge Till (Ac.) (346)

Residue Management, Seasonal (Ac.) (344)

Riparian Forest Buffer (Ac.) (391)

Riparian Herbaceous Cover (Ac.) (390)

Restoration & Management of Rare & Declining Habitats (Ac.) (643)

Roof Runoff Structure (No.) (558)

Shallow Water Management for Wildlife (Ac.) (646) no new ground disturbance.

Silvopasture Establishment (Ac.) (381)

Spoil Spreading (Ft.) (572)

Stream Habitat Improvement & Management (Ac.) (395) little or no site disturbance.

Streambank & Shoreline Protection (Ft.) (580) little or no site disturbance.

Strip Cropping (Ac.) (585)

Surface Roughening (Ac.) (609)

Tree/Shrub Establishment (Ac.) (612) with hand or machine planting with disturbance not to exceed one foot depth.

Tree/Shrub Pruning (Ac.) (660) above ground practice.

Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (Ac.) (645)

Use Exclusion (Ac.) (472) see Fence Code 382

Vegetation Barriers (Ft.) (601)

Well (No.) (642)

Well Decommissioning (No.) (351)

Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (Ac.) (644)

Wetland Enhancement (Ac.) (659) limited to vegetative enhancement &/or hydrologic enhancement with little or no soil disturbance.

Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (Ft.) (380)

Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (Ft.) (650)