



Classification of Conservation Practice Effects on Cultural Resources (updated August 2007)

Rating

G Ground Disturbing - conservation practices considered as “undertakings with the potential to effect cultural resources”.

Some conservation practices have a high potential to affect cultural resources when installed according to standard NRCS criteria. These practices are considered “undertakings with the potential to effect cultural resources”. **Cultural resource considerations are required.**

PG Potentially Ground Disturbing - conservation practices considered as “undertakings with the potential to effect cultural resources”, except when non-intrusive.

Some conservation practices may affect cultural resources unless they are installed under situations that are considered to be non-intrusive. **Cultural resource considerations are required**, unless the installation is non-intrusive. If non-intrusive, then no further cultural resource considerations are required.

Conservation practices are considered to be non-intrusive if;

The installation of the practice will not change the landscape or viewshed near buildings and other structures that are 50 years old or older and either of the following applies:

- (1) The installation of the practice will not exceed the depth, extent, or kind of previous cultivation or other earth disturbance activity.
- (2) The installation of the practice will result in no ground disturbance.

NG Not Ground Disturbing - conservation practices **not** considered as “undertakings with the potential to effect cultural resources”.

Some conservation practices are primarily management related and will not have any physical effects or alteration to a cultural resource. These practices are not just benign, but often provide beneficial effects by affecting soil or cover stability. Such practices do not require further cultural resources considerations.

CONSERVATION PRACTICES RATINGS

Practice Name & Units	Unit	Practice Code	Rating
Access Road (ft.)	ft	560	PG
Agrichemical Handling Facility (no.)	no.	596	PG
<i>Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste (AU)</i>	<i>AU</i>	<i>591</i>	<i>NG</i>
Anaerobic Digester, Controlled Temp. (no.)	no.	366	G
Animal Mortality Facility (no.)	no.	317	PG
Animal Trails and Walkways (ft.)	ft	575	PG
Aquaculture Ponds (ac.)	ac	397	G
Barnyard Runoff Control (ac.)	ac	357	PG
Bedding (ac.)	ac	310	PG
Brush Management (ac.)	ac	314	PG
<i>Channel Bank Vegetation (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>322</i>	<i>NG</i>
Chiseling and Subsoiling (ac.)	ac	324	PG
<i>Clearing & Snagging (ft.)</i>	<i>ft</i>	<i>326</i>	<i>NG</i>
Closure of Waste Impoundments (no.)	no.	360	G
Composting Facility (no.)	no.	317	PG
<i>Conservation Cover (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>327</i>	<i>NG</i>
<i>Conservation Crop Rotation (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>328</i>	<i>NG</i>
Constructed Wetland (no.)	no.	656	G
<i>Contour Buffer Strip (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>332</i>	<i>NG</i>
<i>Contour Farming (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>330</i>	<i>NG</i>
<i>Contour Orchard and Other Fruit Area (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>331</i>	<i>NG</i>
<i>Cover Crop (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>340</i>	<i>NG</i>
<i>Critical Area Planting (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>342</i>	<i>NG</i>
Dam, Floodwater Retarding (no. & ac. ft.)	no./ac-ft	402	G
Dam, Multiple Purpose (no. & ac. ft.)	no./ac-ft	349	G
Deep Tillage (ac.)	ac	324	PG
Dike (ft.)	ft	356	G
Diversion (ft.)	ft	362	PG
Dry Hydrant (no.)	no.	432	PG
<i>Feed Management (no. and AU)</i>	<i>no./AU</i>	<i>592</i>	<i>NG</i>
<i>Fence (ft.)</i>	<i>ft</i>	<i>382</i>	<i>NG</i>
<i>Field Border (ft.)</i>	<i>ft</i>	<i>386</i>	<i>NG</i>
<i>Filter Strip (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>393</i>	<i>NG</i>
Fishpond Management (no.)	no.	399	PG
Floodwater Diversion	ft	400	G
Floodway (ft.)	ft	404	G
<i>Forage Harvest Management (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>511</i>	<i>NG</i>
<i>Enhancement - Air Resource Management</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>EAM</i>	<i>NG</i>
<i>Enhancement - Energy Management</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>EEM</i>	<i>NG</i>
<i>Enhancement - Grazing Management</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>EGM</i>	<i>NG</i>
<i>Enhancement - Habitat Management</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>EHM</i>	<i>NG</i>

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<i>Enhancement - Nutrient Management</i>	ac	ENM	NG
<i>Enhancement - Pest Management</i>	ac	EPM	NG
<i>Enhancement - Soil Management</i>	ac	ESM	NG
<i>Enhancement - Water Management</i>	ac	EWM	NG
<i>Forest Site Preparation (ac.)</i>	ac	490	NG
<i>Forest Stand Improvement (ac.)</i>	ac	666	NG
Forest Trails & Landings (ac.)	ac	655	PG
Grade Stabilization Structure (no.)	no.	410	PG
Grassed Waterway (ac.)	ac	412	PG
Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (ac.)	ac	548	PG
Heavy Use Area Protection (no.)	no.	561	PG
Hedgerow Planting (ft.)	ft	422	PG
Irrigation Pit or Regulating Reservoir			
Irrigation Pit (no.)	no.	552A	PG
Regulating Reservoir (no.)	no.	552B	PG
Irrigation Storage Reservoir (no. & ac. ft.)	no./ac-ft	436	G
Irrigation System			
Microirrigation (no. & ac.)	no./ac	441	NG
Sprinkler (no. & ac.)	no./ac	442	PG
Surface & Subsurface (no. & ac.)	no./ac	443	PG
Irrigation Water Conveyance, Pipeline			
Aluminum Tubing (ft.)	ft	430AA	PG
Non-reinforced Concrete (ft.)	ft	430CC	PG
High-pressure, Underground, Plastic (ft.)	ft	430DD	PG
Low-pressure, Underground, Plastic (ft.)	ft	430EE	PG
Steel (ft.)	ft	430FF	PG
Reinforced Plastic Mortar (ft.)	ft	430GG	G
<i>Irrigation Water Management (ac.)</i>	ac	449	NG
Land Clearing (ac.)	ac	460	PG
Land Reclamation			
Fire Control (no.)	no.	451	PG
Shaft and Adit Closing (no.)	no.	452	PG
Landslide Treatment (no. & ac.)	no./ac	453	PG
Subsidence Treatment (ac.)	ac	454	PG
Toxic Discharge Control (no.)	no.	455	PG
Highwall Treatment (no. & ft.)	no./ft	456	PG
Land Reconstruction, Abandoned Mined Land	ac	543	PG
Land Reconstruction, Currently Mined Land (ac.)	ac	544	PG
Land Smoothing (ac.)	ac	466	PG
Lined Waterway or Outlet (ft.)	ft	468	PG
Manure Transfer (no.)	ac	634	PG
<i>Mulching (ac.)</i>	ac	484	NG
<i>Nutrient Management (ac.)</i>	ac	590	NG
Obstruction Removal (ac.)	ac	500	PG
Open Channel (ft.)	ft	582	G

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<i>Pasture & Hayland Planting (ac.)</i>	ac	512	NG
<i>Pest Management (ac.)</i>	ac	595	NG
Pipeline (ft.)	ft	516	PG
Pond (no.)	no.	378	G
Pond Sealing or Lining			
Flexible Membrane (no.)	no.	521A	PG
Soil Dispersant (no.)	no.	521B	PG
Bentonite Sealant (no.)	no.	521C	PG
Compacted Clay Treatment (no.)	no.	521D	PG
Precision Land Forming (ac.)	ac	462	G
Prescribed Burning (ac.)	ac	338	PG
<i>Prescribed Grazing (ac.)</i>	ac	528	NG
Pumping Plant for Water Control (no.)	no.	533	G
Reclamation of Surface Mined Prime Farmland – Soil Removal (ac.)	ac	544A	G
<i>Record Keeping (no.)</i>	no.	N991	NG
<i>Recreation Area Improvement (ac.)</i>	ac	562	NG
Recreation Land Grading and Shaping (ac.)	ac	566	G
Recreation Trail and Walkway (ft.)	ft	568	PG
Regulating Water in Drainage Systems (ac.)	ac	554	PG
<i>Residue Management, Seasonal (ac)</i>	ac	344	NG
<i>Residue and Tillage Management, Mulch Till</i>	ac	345	NG
<i>Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till, Strip Till, Direct Seed (ac)</i>	ac	346	NG
<i>Residue and Tillage Management, Ridge Till</i>	ac	329	NG
<i>Rinsate Management (no.)</i>	no.	764	NG
Riparian Forest Buffer (ac.)	ac	391	PG
<i>Riparian Herbaceous Cover (ac.)</i>	ac	390	NG
Roof Runoff Structure (no.)	no.	558	PG
<i>Runoff Management System (no. & ac.)</i>	no./ac	570	NG
Sediment Basin (no.)	no.	350	G
<i>Sinkhole and Sinkhole Area Treatment (ac.)</i>	ac	370	NG
<i>Soil Management (ac.)</i>	ac	752	NG
Spring Development (no.)	no.	574	PG
Stream Channel Stabilization (ft.)	ft	584	PG
Stream Crossing (no.)	no.	578	PG
Stream Habitat Improvement & Management	ac	395	PG
Streambank and Shoreline Protection (ft.)	ft	580	PG
<i>Stripcropping, Contour (ac.)</i>	ac	585	NG
Structure for Water Control (no.)	no.	587	PG
Subsurface Drain (ft.)	ft	606	PG
Surface Drainage			
Field Ditch (ft.)	ft	607	PG
Main or Lateral (ft.)	ft	608	PG

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Terrace (ft.)	ft	600	PG
Tree/Shrub Establishment (ac.)	ac	612	PG
<i>Tree/Shrub Pruning (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>660</i>	<i>NG</i>
Underground Outlet (ft.)	ft	620	PG
<i>Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>645</i>	<i>NG</i>
<i>Use Exclusion (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>472</i>	<i>NG</i>
Waste Facility Cover	no.	367	PG
<i>Waste Management System (no.)</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>312</i>	<i>NG</i>
Waste Storage Pond-Flexible Membrane (no.)	no.	425A	PG
Waste Storage Facility (no.)	no.	313	G
Waste Treatment (no.)	no.	629	PG
Waste Treatment Lagoon (no.)	no.	359	G
<i>Waste Utilization (ac.)</i>	<i>ac</i>	<i>633</i>	<i>NG</i>
Wastewater Treatment Strip (ac.)	ac	635	PG
Water and Sediment Control Basin (ft.)	ft	638	G
Water Well (no.)	no.	642	PG
<i>Water Well Testing (no.)</i>	<i>no.</i>	<i>355</i>	<i>NG</i>
Watering Facility (no.)	no.	614	PG
Well Decommissioning (no.)	no.	351	PG
Wetland Creation (ac.)	ac	658	PG
Wetland Enhancement (ac.)	ac	659	PG
Wetland Restoration (ac.)	ac	657	PG
Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management (ac.)	ac	644	PG
Wildlife Watering Facility (no.)	no.	648	PG
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (ac.)	ac	380	PG