

Group 1-Undertakings List

Conservation Practices Considered by NRCS to Potentially Affect Cultural Resources.

Some conservation practices have a high potential to affect cultural resources when installed according to NRCS practice standards. By law, any federally assisted practices that can potentially affect cultural resources require cultural resource consideration. Conducting a “Cultural Resources Review” begins the consideration process. These practices are:

Access Road	Land Clearing
Agrochemical Mixing Facility (Interim)	Land Reclamation, Landslide Treatment
Anaerobic Digester, Ambient Temperature	Lined Waterway or Outlet
Anaerobic Digester, Controlled Temperature	Manure Transfer
Animal Mortality Facility	Obstruction Removal
Aquaculture Ponds	Open Channel
Channel Stabilization	Pipeline*
Composting Facility	Pond
Constructed Wetland	Precision Land Forming
Dam	Pumping Plant
Dam, Diversion	Recreation Land Grading and Shaping
Deep Tillage	Recreation Trail and Walkway
Dike	Road/Trail/Landing Closure and Treatment
Diversion	Sediment Basin
Fish Raceway or Tank	Solid/Liquid Waste Separation Facility
Forest Trails and Landings	Spoil Spreading
Grade Stabilization Structure	Spring Development
Heavy Use Area Protection	Structure for Water Control *
Hillside Ditch	Subsurface Drain
Irrigation Canal or Lateral	Surface Drainage, Field Ditch
Irrigation Field Ditch	Surface Drainage, Main or Lateral
Irrigation Land Leveling	Underground Outlet
Irrigation Regulating Reservoir	Waste Storage Facility
Irrigation Storage Reservoir	Waste Treatment Lagoon
Irrigation System,	Water and Sediment Control Basin
Surface and Subsurface	Water Well
(Subsurface only)	Watering Facility
Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery	Well Decommissioning
Irrigation Water Conveyance – Pipeline,	Wetland Creation
High Pressure, Underground, Plastic	Wetland Enhancement
Irrigation Water Conveyance – Pipeline,	
Low Pressure, Underground, Plastic	

Important Note:

All federally assisted projects require cultural resource consideration.

**These practices are Group 1 only if being installed on previously undisturbed land. When these practices are installed inside of existing animal houses, or on the disturbed fill areas around these houses, these practices are considered Group 3.*

Group 2-Undertakings List

Conservation Practices Considered Not Having the Potential to Affect Cultural Resources Except When Intrusive.

Some conservation practices may or may not affect cultural resources depending on their impact on undisturbed areas. The following practices are considered to have a low potential to impact cultural resources, unless intrusive. If cultural resources are neither discovered nor known to exist in the APE and one of the following situations is present, the consideration of cultural resources can be minimized. The installation of the practice will result in no ground disturbance, or the installation of the practice will not exceed the depth, extent, or kind of previous cultivation/disturbances. These practices are:

Access Control	Grassed Waterway
Animal Trails and Walkways	Irrigation System,
Bedding	Surface and Subsurface
Brush Management	(Surface only)
Clearing and Snagging	Land Smoothing
Closure of Waste Impoundments (<50 years old)	Mole Drain
Contour Buffer Strips	Pasture and Hay Planting
Contour Farming	Prescribed Burning
Contour Orchard and Other Fruit Area	Recreation Area Improvement
Controlled Livestock Lounging Area (Interim)	Residue Management, Seasonal
Critical Area Planting	Restoration and Management of
Cross Wind Trap Strips	Declining Habitats
Drainage Water Management	Riparian Forest Buffer
Dry Hydrants	Riparian Herbaceous Cover
Early Successional Habitat Development/Management	Rock Barrier
Fence	Roof Runoff Structure
Field Border	Runoff Management System
Filter Strip	Silvopasture Establishment
Firebreak	Stream Crossing
Fish Passage	Streambank and Shoreline Protection
Forest Slash Treatment	Terrace
Fuel Break	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation
	Wetland Restoration
	Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management
	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment

Important Note:

Always conduct a Cultural Resources review when impacting previously undisturbed soil (this includes land clearing, grading, smoothing or other soil disturbances that may be necessary to install a practice). Soil that has experienced extensive plowing, grading, erosion or other significant disturbances are usually less likely to contain intact archaeological remains, and more likely to reveal archaeological remains if soil visibility is high.

Group 3-Undertakings List

Conservation Practices Generally Considered Not Having a Potential to Affect Cultural Resources.

Some conservation is primarily management related and very rarely has any physical affects that could alter a cultural resource. Some of these practices are not just benign but provide beneficial affects by improving soil or cover stability. The following practices are generally considered to have a very low potential to impact cultural resources. Such practices do not require cultural resources considerations unless cultural resources are known to exist or are discovered within the APE. These practices are:

Alley Cropping	Pond Sealing or Lining, Bentonite Sealant
Amendments for Treatment of Agricultural Waste	Pond Sealing or Lining Compacted Clay Treatment
Channel Bank Vegetation	Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane
Conservation Cover	Pond Sealing or Lining, Soil Dispersant
Conservation Crop Rotation	Prescribed Grazing
Cover Crop	Residue and Tillage Management, No-till/ Strip Till/ Direct Seed
Fishpond Management	Row Arrangement
Forage Harvest Management	Shallow Water Management for Wildlife
Forest Stand Improvement	Stream Habitat Improvement and Management
Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment	Stripcropping
Hedgerow Planting	Tree/Shrub Establishment
Herbaceous Wind Barriers	Tree/Shrub Pruning
Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Flexible Membrane	Upland Wildlife Habitat Management (no land clearing involved)
Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Galvanized Steel	Vegetative Barrier
Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Plain Concrete	Waste Facility Cover
Irrigation System, Microirrigation	Waste Treatment
Irrigation System, Sprinkler	Waste Utilization
Irrigation Water Management	
Mulching	
Nutrient Management	
Pest Management	

Important Note:

Always conduct a Cultural Resources review when impacting previously undisturbed soil (this includes land clearing, grading, smoothing or other soil disturbances that may be necessary to install a practice). Always contact the Cultural Resource specialist if a cultural resource will be affected in any way (positively or negatively) as a result of federal assistance.