

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
STATEMENT OF WORK**

**COVER CROP**

(Ac.)

**CODE 340**

**These deliverables apply to this individual practice. For other planned practice deliverables, refer to those specific Statements of Work.**

**DESIGN (PLANNING REQUIREMENTS)**

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**Deliverables**

1. Complete documentation to support Colorado NRCS criteria and compatibility with other planned and applied practices.
  - a. Document the practice purpose(s) as identified in the conservation plan.
  - b. List all required and/or facilitating practices to be planned and applied.
  - c. Document applicable purpose-specific criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including, but not limited to the following.
    - i. Seedbed preparation
    - ii. Species or species of plants to be established
    - iii. Recommended seeding rates and dates for selected planting methods
    - iv. Establishment procedure
    - v. Planned dates and methods for terminating the cover crop – For Non-Irrigated Cover Crops, the termination date must be at or before the time period specified in NRCS Cover Crop Termination Guidelines, Version 2 – Non-Irrigated Cropland
    - vi. WEPS and or RUSLE2 erosion prediction calculations and Soil Conditioning Index output
    - vii. Planned residue cover or biomass amounts to be maintained on the soil surface after Cover Crop termination
    - viii. Nutrient and or Pest Management Job Sheets
    - ix. Completed Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Guides
    - x. Other information pertinent to establishing and managing the cover crop.
2. Provide written plans and specifications to the client including sketches and drawings that adequately describe the requirements to install the practice and obtain any necessary permits. Develop plans in accordance with the Colorado Cover Crop 340, Conservation Practice Standard and record specifications on a Cover Crop 340, Conservation Practice Job Sheet.
3. Provide a written operation and maintenance plan.
4. Provide written certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and complies with applicable laws and regulations.
5. Complete Cultural Resources Site Review and Documentation Form (CO-SSC-1), and New Site Report Form (CO-SSC-2), as applicable.

6. Design modifications during application as required

## **INSTALLATION**

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### **Deliverables**

1. Conduct a pre-application conference with the client.
2. Provide application guidance as needed.
3. Facilitate and implement any required design modifications with the client and the original designer.
4. Advise the client/NRCS on compliance issues with all Federal, state, tribal, and local laws, regulations and NRCS policies during the application.

## **CHECK OUT**

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### **Deliverables**

1. Provide records of application including:
  - a. A Completed Colorado Cover Crop 340 Job Sheet including Check Out
  - b. The amount of actual materials used including originals or copies of seed tags and sales receipts to determine compliance with the Colorado Seed Law and actual amounts of seed used.
2. Provide certification that the application meets NRCS standards and specifications and complies with all applicable permits.
3. Complete progress reporting.

## **REFERENCES**

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Colorado Field Office Technical Guide, Section IV. [Cover Crop 340, Conservation Practice Standard](http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/CO/CO340.pdf). 2013. USDA, NRCS, Denver, CO. <http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/references/public/CO/CO340.pdf>

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