

**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. Practice purpose(s) are identified and are compatible with the conservation plan and (where applicable) client's crop insurance
  - b. List of required permits to be obtained by the client
  - c. List all required and/or facilitating practices
  - d. Practice standard criteria-related computations and analyses to develop plans and specifications including but not limited to:
    - i. Planting dates
    - ii. Site and seedbed preparation
    - iii. Soil amendments required
    - iv. Species selection and seeding rates
    - v. Cover crop termination time and method
    - vi. WEPS and or RUSLE2 erosion prediction calculations and Soil Conditioning Index output
    - vii. Planned cover crop residue cover or biomass amounts to be maintained after termination
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. Operation and maintenance plan
4. Certification that the design meets practice standard criteria and complies with applicable laws and regulations
5. Design modifications during application as required

## **INSTALLATION**

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### **Deliverables**

1. Verification that client has obtained required permits and
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.
5. Certification that the application process and materials meets design and permit requirements and (where applicable) complies with the client's crop insurance requirements

## **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 seed tags and sales receipts to determine compliance with the Colorado Seed Law, and actual amounts of seed applied
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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