AVOIDING WETLAND VIOLATIONS IN A WOODED WETLAND

Disturbance Activities May Lead To Food Security Act Wetland Violations = Loss of USDA Program Benefits

Maintain wetlands in natural conditions to remain eligible for USDA benefits. Avoid activities shown in yellow without consulting with NRCS. To avoid wetland conversions and violations do not carry out any land disturbing activities without contacting NRCS. Leave the area as a natural wetland allowing natural processes occur. If you have questions, please contact your local USDA Service Center.

NOT CONVERTED
(NOT A VIOLATION)

- Wetland Uses
  - Use wetlands for:
    - Recreation
    - Hunting
    - Timber harvesting
    - Maintaining drainage
  - In place before 12/23/85 if it is still functioning

- Maintain the area in:
  - Natural vegetation
  - Woody vegetation (trees and shrubs)
  - Allow natural plant regeneration

PATH OF WETLAND CONVERSION
(MAY LEAD TO WETLAND VIOLATIONS)

- Land Disturbing Activities
  - that may progress to wetland violations
    - Mowing
    - Cleaning out old ditches
    - Bedding
    - Brush Removal
    - Stump Removal
    - Spraying
    - Grazing
    - Burning
    - Deep-ripping to break up restricting layers
    - Filling in low spots
    - Disking

END OF PATH = WETLAND VIOLATION
(CW+YEAR LABEL)

- Violations are called CW+Year
- and result in the partial or total loss of USDA benefits covering all land (not just the area of the violation).

Violation of Swampbuster
Provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985 occurs when a wetland is converted by:
- Removal of woody vegetation and/or hydrology manipulation:
  - for the purpose of or
  - to have the effect of making production possible

= LOSS OF USDA BENEFITS

*A Person shall be ineligible for USDA benefits if "the person converts a wetland by draining, dredging, filling, leveling, removing woody vegetation or other means for the purpose, or to have the effect, of making production of an agricultural commodity possible. 7CFR12 (Code of Federal Regulations, Title 7, Part 12)

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