

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
CONSERVATION PRACTICE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

**TREE/SHRUB ESTABLISHMENT
(Ac.)
CODE 612**

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Access by vehicles or equipment during or after tree/shrub establishment shall be controlled to protect new plants and minimize erosion, compaction and other site impacts. Refer to the standard Use Exclusion, 472.

The trees and shrubs will be inspected periodically and protected from adverse impacts including insects, diseases or competing vegetation, fire and damage from livestock or wildlife.

If needed, competing vegetation will be controlled until the woody plants are

established. Noxious weeds will be controlled. If pesticides are used, refer to standard Pest Management, 595.

Replanting will be required when survival is inadequate.

Supplemental water will be provided as needed. Periodic applications of nutrients may be needed to maintain plant vigor.

After trees and/or shrubs are established, refer to the standards Forest Stand Improvement, 666, and Tree/Shrub Pruning, 660, for subsequent management.

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