

# CT ACCESS CONTROL - 472

<b>Conservation Practice Job Sheet</b>		<i>Lifespan – 10 years</i>	
Producer:		Location:	
Farm, Tract and Field(s):		Planner:	
Program:		Date:	

### Definition

The temporary or permanent exclusion of animals, people, vehicles, and/or equipment from an area.

### Purpose

Achieve and maintain desired resource conditions by monitoring and managing the intensity of use by animals, people, vehicles, and/or equipment in coordination with the application schedule of practices, measures and activities specified in the conservation plan.



Figure 1. Gates and fences can selectively control use of an area by people, vehicles and animals.

***Unregulated use can result in human health and safety liability issues for the landowner. There is a risk of forest fires due to unregulated access.***

### Where Used

This practice applies on all land uses where unrestricted access has lead to resource concerns or problems.

### Conservation Management System

Restricted use activities (e.g., posting of signs, patrolling, gates, fences, other barriers, and permitting) are integrated in the conservation management system to facilitate orderly and proper use (timing and intensity) of the area. This may include restricting access during the operation, installation, or maintenance of projects intended to help restore or stabilize the area and meet the resource goals of the conservation plan.



Figure 2. Poorly timed use of vehicles can accelerate sheet, rill, and concentrated flow erosion on access roads and trails.

Each activity or project identifies the entity to be monitored and regulated (animals, people, pests, vehicles and equipment) and specifies the intent, intensity, amounts, and timing of use by that entity. Access Control may apply to the entire property or to specific fields within the site, as identified on the planning map.



**Specifications (continued)**

3. Names of controlled-use activities (*posting of signs, patrolling, gates, fences and other barriers, permits*) and explanation of the intensity (selective/unselective), amounts, and timing of use for entities marked in item 1 above, mitigating measures if their use influences other resource concerns, and monitoring requirements:

Activity	Intensity	Amount	Planned Date

4. Describe placement, location, dimensions and materials (for signs, structures, etc.), and frequency of use (e.g., continuous, specific season, specific dates) for each activity:

Activity	Location	Dimensions & Materials	Frequency

## **Specifications (continued)**

5. Soils, site factors, and timing of application must be suitable for any ground-based equipment that may be utilized for installing the named activities to avoid erosion and sedimentation. For safety purposes and to protect site resources, treatment methods involving equipment are generally not applied on slopes exceeding 35 percent.
  
6. List emergency preparedness agency information (optional), e.g., local fire/wildfire control agency and pumper truck water sources on or near the area:

7. Other requirements:

Where fences are used to achieve the intended purpose, refer to Connecticut NRCS Fence Standard (382) and Operations and Maintenance Plan.

8. Operations and Maintenance:

All activities and measures under this practice shall be monitored periodically, maintained, and comply with federal, state, tribal and local laws and regulations. Actions shall be inspected annually and after significant storm events to identify repair and maintenance needs. It is the landowner's responsibility to obtain appropriate permits and/or applications prior to commencing an activity. treated areas and associated practices

Monitoring of the effectiveness of use-regulating activities will be performed routinely and at least annually with changes made to specifications and operation and maintenance requirements as necessary. Modifications to activities and use of measures are allowed temporarily to accommodate emergency-level contingencies such as wildfire, hurricane, drought, or flood as long as resource conditions are maintained.



## Practice Specifications Approval and Completion Certification

### DESIGN AND INSTALLATION/LAYOUT APPROVAL:

I have job approval authority and certify this practice has been designed with specifications to meet the conservation practice standard and that the client has been advised of installation and layout elements:

NRCS Representative name and title (type or print):		
NRCS Representative Signature:		Date:

### LANDOWNER/OPERATOR ACKNOWLEDGES:

- a. They have received a copy of the specifications and understand the contents including the scope and location of the practice.
- b. They have obtained all necessary permits and/or rights in advance of practice application, and will comply with all ordinances and laws pertaining to the application of this practice.
- c. No changes will be made in the installation of the job without prior concurrence of the NRCS.
- d. Maintenance of the installed work is necessary for proper performance during the life of the practice. The practice life span is 10 years, and is expected to be maintained for that time.

I have reviewed all specifications and agree to install as specified:

Landowner/operator name and title (type or print):		
Landowner/operator Signature:		Date:

### RECORD OF COMPLETION AND CHECK OUT CERTIFICATION:

Treated Acres:	Date Completed by Client:	Date Certified:	Approver's Initials:

I have job approval authority and certify this practice has been applied and meets design specifications:

NRCS Representative name and title (type or print):		
NRCS Representative Signature:		Date:
Notes:		