

USDA
NATURAL RESOURCES
CONSERVATION SERVICE

DELAWARE CONSERVATION
PRACTICE STANDARD

USE EXCLUSION

CODE 472
(Reported by Acre)

DEFINITION

Excluding animals, people or vehicles from an area.

PURPOSES

To prevent, restrict, or control access to an area to maintain or improve the quantity and quality of natural resources or minimize liability and human health concerns.

**CONDITIONS WHERE PRACTICE
APPLIES**

On all land uses where permanent or temporary use exclusion is needed.

CONSIDERATIONS

Assess potential landowners and user liability before installing barriers.

Public use may be an issue in areas where public right of access has previously been established by past use and law.

Barrier type and design should account for and minimize impact to impair wildlife health and animal movement.

Barriers should account for and minimize public safety activities such as fire control.

This practice has the potential to affect National Register listed cultural resources or eligible (significant) cultural resources. These may include archeological, historic, or traditional cultural properties. Care should be taken to avoid adverse impacts to these resources. Follow NRCS state policy for considering cultural resources during planning.

CRITERIA

Barriers shall consist of either natural and/or artificial structures such as logs, vegetation, earth-fill, boulders, fences, gates, electronic and sonic devices, or signs.

Barriers must be adequate to prevent, restrict, or control use by targeted vehicles, animals or people and not be a safety hazard.

Barrier life expectancy must be adequate for the intended purpose.

Timing and exclusion periods must be described to accomplish intended purposes.

To prevent accidents associated with the use of vehicles, barriers associated with roads and trails shall be adequately marked to safeguard human safety and minimize the risk of liability.

Comply with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations during the installation, operation and maintenance of this practice.

Vegetation. Disturbed areas shall be established with vegetation or otherwise stabilized as soon as practical after construction. Seedbed preparation, seeding, fertilizing, and mulching shall conform to NRCS Conservation Practice Standard 342, Critical Area Planting.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Specifications for applying this practice shall be prepared for each site and recorded using approved specification sheets, job sheets, technical notes, and narrative statements in the conservation plan, or other acceptable

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documentation.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

An operation and maintenance (O&M) plan specific to the type of installed barrier shall be provided to the landowner. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following provisions:

1. Barriers will be periodically inspected and repairs performed as needed.
2. Signs and markers shall be inspected periodically and replaced when damaged or missing.

SUPPORTING DATA FOR DOCUMENTATION

The following is a list of the minimum data and documentation to be recorded in the case file:

Planning Information, Field Data and Survey Notes

1. Field location of the use exclusion components. Also note the location of the practice on the conservation map.
2. Description of the objectives of the practice, including the exclusion periods which the use exclusion is expected to provide.
3. Soils investigation logs and notes, as appropriate for site conditions and the proposed design.
4. Topographic survey of the site, as appropriate for site conditions and the proposed design.

Design Data

1. The extent of the area to be treated with use exclusion barriers.
2. Location map with the site identified.
3. Soil survey map with the site identified.
4. A set of plans and specifications for the constructed barriers, and warning signage.

5. Description of the use of natural and artificial barriers such as; logs, boulders, earth-fill, bollards and hawsers, fences and gates.

Construction Check Data/As Built Plans

1. Check notes recorded during and after completion of construction showing the as-built measurements of the practice.
2. Red line the construction plans to indicate the construction's conformance to the design.
3. Place a statement on the as-built plans, which certifies that the components of the constructed use exclusion practice meets the requirements of this practice standard, along with your signature and date.