# Access Control

## PRACTICE INTRODUCTION

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**DEFINITION**

Access Control is excluding animals, people or vehicles from an area.

**PRACTICE INFORMATION**

The purpose of Use Exclusion is to protect, maintain, or improve the quantity and quality of the natural resources in an area. The purpose also includes aesthetic resources as well as human health and safety.

The practice is used in a conservation plan in areas where vegetation establishment or maintenance is a concern. Protecting the vegetation is often essential to conserving the other natural resources.

The barriers constructed for Use Exclusion must be adequate to prevent intrusion of the target animals, vehicles or people. The barriers are usually fences, but may also be natural and artificial structures such as logs, boulders, earth fill, gates, signs, etc.

Additional information including design criteria and specifications are in the local NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.