

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE  
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR  
ACCESS ROAD**

**CODE 560**

Name _____	Identification Number _____
Legal Description _____	County _____

A properly operated and maintained access road is an asset to your property. This structure was designed and installed to provide a fixed route for vehicular travel for resource activities involving the management of timber, livestock, agriculture, wildlife habitat, and other conservation enterprises while protecting the soil, water, air, fish, wildlife, and other adjacent natural resources. The estimated life span of this installation is at least 10 years. The life of this installation can be ensured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance for satisfactory performance. Here are some recommendations to help you develop a good operation and maintenance program.

**General Recommendations**

- Inspect culverts, roadside ditches, water bars, and outlets after each major runoff event and restore the flow capacity as needed.
- Fill in low areas where travel treads have developed and regrade as needed to maintain the road cross section.
- Inspect at least annually the surface cross drains installed on roads with steep grades to ensure adequate capacity of the drains and that the outlets are stable.
- Maintain adequate cover in vegetated areas including road shoulders, ditches, and water bar outlets. Reseed as necessary to maintain cover.
- Avoid overspray of chemical treatment for dust suppression or erosion protection to minimize damage to adjacent vegetated areas.
- Select chemicals used for surface treatment or snow/ice removal to minimize adverse effects on stabilizing vegetation.

**Specific Recommendations**

A major storm event is any rainfall that exceeds \_\_\_\_\_ inches for \_\_\_\_\_ County.

**If you need additional technical assistance to implement the operation and maintenance plan for this structure, contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at your local USDA Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government).**